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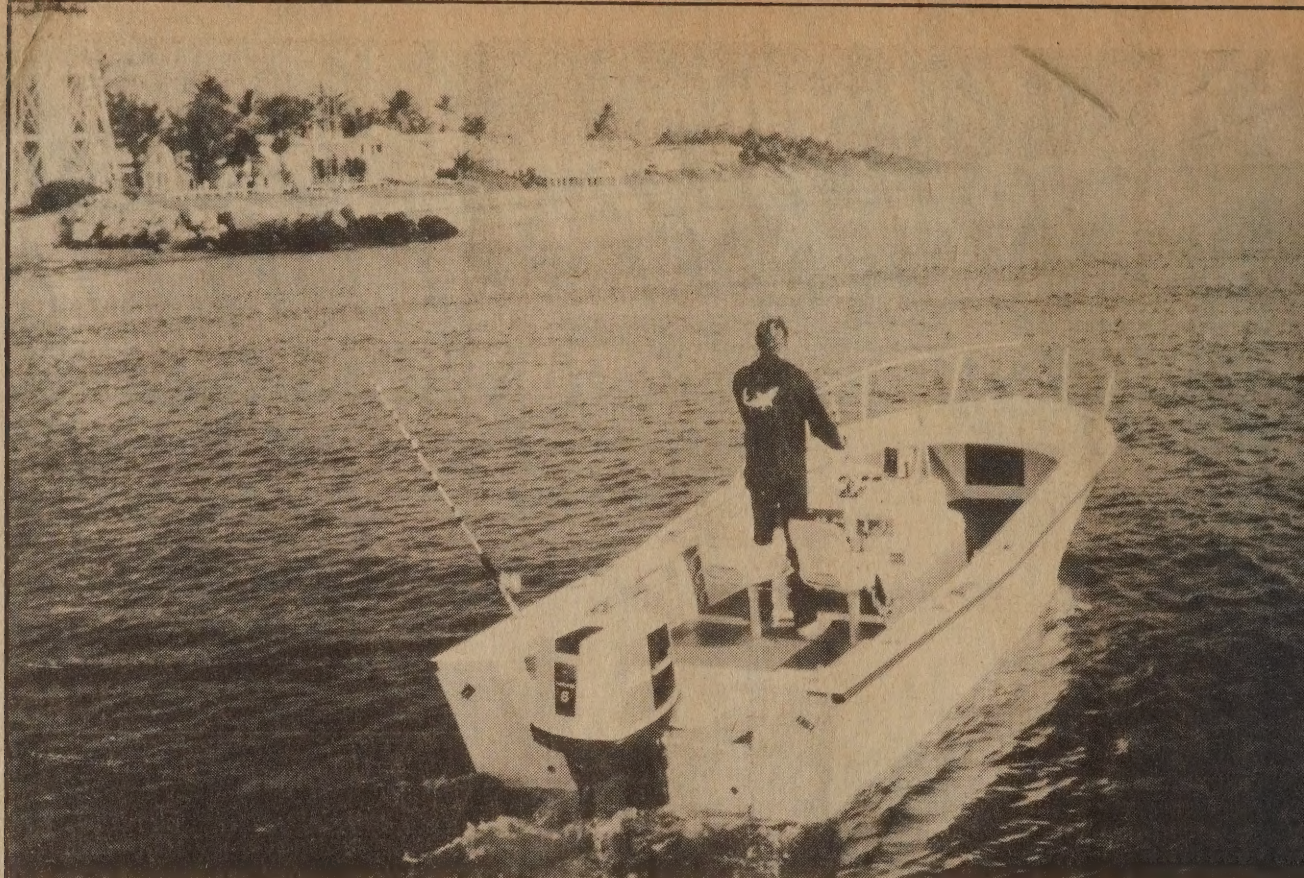
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Included here are a pair of outfits used by Milt Rosko for jetty work, and a selection of successful lures. Milt's favorite lure for the inlets is the bucktail jig, followed closely by the deep-sinking Mirrolure plug. The other lures pictured produce best as the tidal flow diminishes. See the article "The Inlets" starting on page 14.

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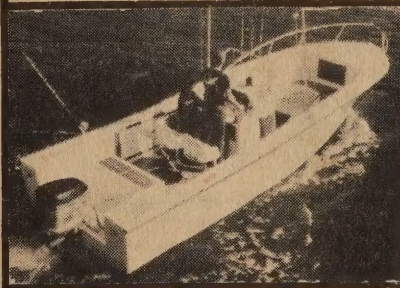
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CLUB NEWS

G.S.B. WATERFOWLERS

The Great South Bay Waterfowlers is continuing its membership drive. The next general meeting will be on Wednesday, September 8th, at 8:30 P.M. at the Old Heidelberg, Sunrise Highway, Brightwaters, New York.

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News Releases

MID ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Twelve persons from the Mid-Atlantic States have been appointed voting members of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, charged with the management and conservation of fisheries within a 200-mile zone off their

coasts, Dr. Robert M. White, Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), has announced.

They will join seven other voting members on the Council, which is one of eight established nationwide by the recently passed Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. Six of these seven have been designated by the Governors of the Mid-Atlantic States—New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. The other member is the Regional Director of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service.

The Act, establishing a 200-mile fishery conservation zone off the coasts of the United States and its possessions, for the first time gives the United States the authority to manage and conserve fish and shellfish in the zone, with the exception of tuna fish.

Regional Councils have the responsibility for developing management plans for the fish stocks within their respective zones, based on the concept of optimum yield for each fishery. This approach, prescribed by the legislation, requires consideration of social and economic in addition to biological factors when preparing the management plans.

The Act requires a specified number of members of each Council be appointed from lists of qualified individuals recommended by Governors of the States involved. Members were selected who could collectively provide to the Council a balance of constituency interests; a geographic coverage based on the States of origin, location and abundance of resources and harvesters; and a cross section of representation of the fisheries in the area.

The initial appointments are effective August 11th and are for one, two and three-year terms. All future appointments will be for three-year terms.

Those appointed for three-year terms are: William M. Feinberg, Ocean N.J., attorney; Allen W. Haynie, Reedville, Va., Chairman, Zapata-Haynie Corp; Dr. John L. McHugh, Stony Brook, N.Y., Professor Marine Resources, Marine Sciences Research Center, State University of New York, Stony Brook; and Allan J. Ristori, Lodi, N.J. Director of Field Testing, Garcia Corporation, Teaneck.

Those appointed for two-year terms are: Nancy K. Goell, East Hampton, N.Y., Executive Director, Group of America's South Fork, Long Island; Elliot J. Goldman, Lafayette Hill, Pa., attorney; William R. Pell, Greenport, N.Y., proprietor Pell's Fish Market and Sea Food Transportation; and Ricks Savage, Berlin, Md., commercial fisherman.

Those appointed for one-year terms are: John H. Burger, Jr., Dover, Del., President, Burger Construction Co. and Breakwater Construction Co.; Dr. Eu-

gene L. Cronin, Annapolis, Md., Professor of Zoology, Director of the Natural Resources Institute, University of Maryland; Dr. William J. Hargis, Jr., Gloucester Point, Va., Director, Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences; and David H. Hart, Cape May, N.J., Marine fisheries consultant.

In addition to the appointed members, the Act requires that the principal State official with marine fishery management responsibility and expertise in each of the six states, as designated by the respective Governors, and the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service for the area, be voting members of the Council. They are: Peter A.A. Berle, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, New York; Russel A. Cookingham, Director, Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries, Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey; Charles A. Lesser, Manager of Fisheries, Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control; Ralph W. Abele, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish Commission; Robert J. Rubelmann, Administrator, Fisheries Administration, Maryland; James E. Douglas Jr., Commissioner, Virginia Marine Resources Commission; and William G. Gordon, Regional Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Gloucester Mass.

The balance of the Council consists of the following non-voting members: Harry Bishop, Assistant Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boston, Mass; Vice Admiral W. F. ea, III, Commander, Atlantic Area, U.S. Coast Guard, Governors Island, New York; Irwin M. Alperin, Executive Director, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Washington, D.C.; and Larry Snead, Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries Affairs, State Department.

The Councils will conduct public hearings in developing fishery management plans, and may recommend to the Secretary of Commerce the regulations necessary to implement the plans.

Headquarters office location and staffing of the Council will be decided by the Council members. For more info, contact the Regional Director, NMFS, Gloucester, Mass. 617-281-3600.

Chum Lines

CONGER EEL

This letter is in reference to your answer pertaining to the correct genetic name for the conger eel; a question proposed by Frank Tardalo of Brooklyn in Chum Lines, Issue July 8th, '76.



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In my opinion I don't think your answer cleared up this matter. Congridae is not the name of the troupe—but of the Family of this species.

Conger eel is known by various scientific or genetic names. To some scientists it is known as *Leptocephalus conger*, *Conger conger*, by Linnaeus and *Conger vulgaris* by Cuvier and belongs to the order Apodes.

It is considered an important food fish especially in European markets and can weigh 30 pounds. Its flesh is of excellent texture and flavor.

However the majority of so-called congers also taken on party boats in the New York area are really eel-pouts *Zoarces anguillaris*.

The true conger eel also called Snake Eel average about 3 pounds but grow to 30 pounds. Brownish with yellow spots interspersed by black. An eel which mostly lives in the rocks and crevices of the Florida reefs usually in the same locality as the Morays. While not as vicious as the latter, it is nevertheless a bad customer. They have sharp teeth and will bite a man if given a chance. The true conger eel is a dangerous fish. Large specimens are much dreaded as they are difficult to kill and most vicious and many commercial men have been seriously injured.

All conger eels lack pelvic fins which are relative to eel pouts. This is a sure

way to differentiate between the two species. Thanking you in obstenia for your attentiveness to my letter. Keegan Nelson

You are essentially correct. But I would like to take this opportunity to express a few thoughts about scientific answers that appear in *The Fisherman* without intending any blast to Mr. Nelson.

Our readers are a diverse group. They have different interests, expertise, and education. Some of our readers, like Mr. Nelson, are more knowledgeable about fisheries than others. We try, although we are not always successful, to answer questions as simply and as honestly as possible. Sometimes, therefore, we may be guilty of over simplification. But I'm reminded of Shakespeare's lesson. "That which we all call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet."

Too often people become bogged down in nomenclature. Unfortunately, some marine scientists are very guilty of this. They can rattle off the scientific names of hundreds, perhaps thousands of species of marine creatures but lack a solid understanding of the living beasts. Names are a convenience of language. By using a uniform system of nomenclature we can be sure that we are all talking about the same thing. However, if we should all decide to call conger eels

Zebras, then that would be fine too—as long as we all agree!

All the creatures that you refer to are caught by anglers from time to time.

The fisherman whose query was answered in the July 8th issue asked specifically about conger eels and without seeing the eels in question I had no reason to doubt the identification made by experienced mates and a captain.

But Mr. Nelson, you would perhaps like to know that the scientific names you used are not all in use today. Older texts follow the nomenclature that you described in your note. According to a list of Common and Scientific names of fishes from the United States and Canada, second edition, American Fisheries Society, Special Publication. Number 2, Waverly Press, Inc., Baltimore Maryland, 1966 the following taxonomy is offered:

Order—Anquilliformes (Apodes)

Congridae—conger eels

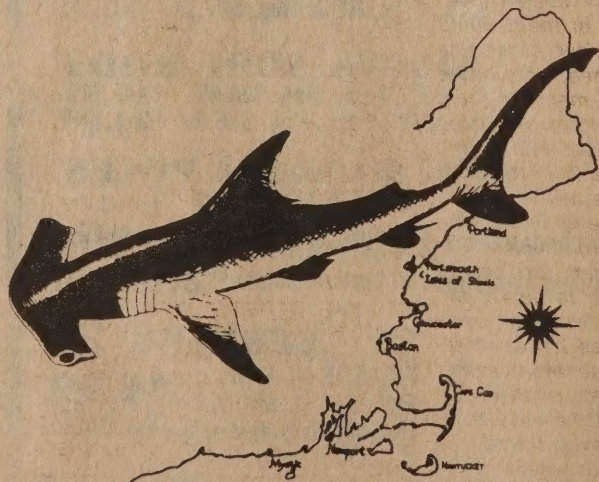
Brandtooth conger—*Ariosoma impressum*; Margintail conger—*Conger caudilimbatus*; Conger eel—*Conger oceanicus*; Manytooth conger—*Conger tripdriceps*; Yellow conger—*Congrina flava*; Whiptail conger—*Congrina gracilior*; Silver conger—*Hoplunnis macrurus*; Slender Pike eel—*Neoconger mucronatus*; and Catalina Conger—*Rhynchocymba catalinensis*.

Thats all folks! Dr. Wm. Muller

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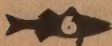
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ASK THE CAPTAIN

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Question: Jimmy Smith, Hicksville N.Y.

Is there any way of making your own bunker chum for blues instead of buying it? Is there any other type of chum you can use besides bunker chum for blues?

Answer:

Yes, there is a way to make your own chum, but unless you are going to make it commercially for resale, I sincerely think that it's much cheaper to buy it. (Approximately \$5 per can.) First of all, you would need a power driven (large) grinder, similar or larger than the one used by your butcher along with a supply of large substantial cans. A freezer, preferably of the flashfreeze type is needed to store your chum, also providing a herendous electrical bill. You must have a commercial fish supplier who will provide you with the fish you need. The average can of chum uses approximately one bushel of bunkers, add to this the time required to do this work and the area needed to do it in. Mackerel and trash fish can be used in place of bunkers but in my opinion bunkers are the best way by far as they supply the most oil. I hope I have discouraged you as that was my intention. It would be a costly and foolhardy project.

Question: Fred Hirsch, Bohemia N.Y.

I am a novice fisherman that has read most of the books published on that subject. Every book I read had a piece set aside for trolling with rigged eels and eel skins. Is the eel and skin system still in use or has it become obsolete with the innovation of all the new lures on the market today? I've never read or heard of bass taken in this manner.

Answer:

Rigged eels and skins are as much alive today as they were 25 years ago. There are some very impressive catches being made all season long from New Jersey to Cape Cod using eels, skins and skin plugs. We tend to move with the times, and use what is easy, not always what's best. When things get tough I revert right back to the old faithful night fishing with eels and skins. Al Urban, Captain of the charterboat Duke, one of Montauk's top bass guides still produces fine catches of big bass using this

method. If you ever want to learn this technique to its fullest potential, Al is the man to see as they don't come any better.

Question: Sheldon Minkon, Freeport

I am interested in the 1957/58 Egg Harbor Sportfishermen. I understand that boats of this vintage usually come with twin Chrysler crown 6 cylinder engines. I would like to repower with Twin 8 cylinder engines.

What would recommend as the best Egg to make the conversion, the best power plants to put in, and the best size props to use?

I would like to be able to cruise at 20 knots without shaking the boat apart.

Limited time causes me to answer your question thru this column rather than return mail as you have asked. I receive a lot of questions from anxious anglers needing immediate answers but I must answer them in their incoming order thru the column to be fair to all.

Egg Harbor has always built a sturdy sea kindly boat with quality appointments and excellent workmanship. The design of their wooden boats never varied drastically so any of them would serve your purpose. As far as engine installation was concerned, the buyer made the decision with many of them using V8 engines. To attain a cruising speed of 20 knots without killing the engines I suggest a pair of 350 Crusaders 454 cu. in. The boat was never an easy one to push as they were wide of beam with deep forefoot and full keels. The engines I have suggested are proven work horses with power to spare and should do the job easily. I use the same engine in my own boat so I speak from experience. I wouldn't use less than 2 to 1 gears on those engines as all of the Eggs were heavily built. Prop size is something you would have to work out with the engine installer as wheels are to expensive to gamble with by guessing. When a quality installer does the job he should have test wheels to set up each installation. Make sure this is in your contract.

POINT OF INTEREST

A while back there was a question from Mr. John Gortakowski of Bay Shore L. Fisherman Issue # 23 concerning a

mysterious fish or something that was ruining his tackle and his fishing. The following letter from (fisherlady) Ms. Blanche Goldberg of Kew Gardens may help to enlighten poor John or any one else with a similar problem.

In your article "Ask the Captain", in LIF issue of June 24th, you had a question from Mr. John Gortakowski of Bay Shore.

I had a similar experience late last summer while fishing from shore near the Atlantic Beach Bridge. My rod bent (neatly) and then the line started to go out for quite a while, then snapped. I lost many feet of mono.

After casting again, the action on the rod was repeated and this time almost all the line on the reel was out, then suddenly it snapped. Once more I lost quite a bit of line—but I found the answer to my problem. Perhaps the same occurred to Mr. G.

At the end of my line I had 175 pounds of skindiver with red hair and beard. He had waited for my cast and then took my line for a swim. He was being cute, waiting on the dark side of a small jetty, for my cast and then going under to grab my line. I would not have known what was taking my rigging if another fisherman had not spotted him.

I must admit that I allowed anger to take hold and finally hooked his diver's suit and putting a tear into it. He then complained about the cost of his skin diving apparel, but at the same time I was devoid of sympathy.

Let skin divers beware. I want to be high hook on a catch of capricious skin divers.

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Surf Side

with Fred Schwab

MULLET RUN

Part I

For a majority of Long Island's surf angling clan, the month of August is comparatively dull. Fish, and in particular, striped bass, are few and far between. Here and there, some lad will connect with a decent bass or two, and more often than not it was the use of natural baits which turned the trick. A good many striper sharpies, knowing that August is "hard times," will use this period to catch up on the chores to be done about the house, or work on their fishing gear in preparation for the fall run.

From a surfman's point of view, perhaps the best that can be said for August is that it's passing marks the beginning of the year's greatest fishing potential and his best shot at nailing a trophy fish. For the next ten to twelve weeks, triggered by the forces of nature, various species of game and bait fish will be migrating southward, and fortunately for the beach bound anglers, at least a part of this passing parade will be within their reach.

The first, or at least the earliest noticeable movement of any consequence is the appearance of mullet along the ocean beaches. When this occurs, an amazing change takes place. Stretches of beach, which for weeks seemed devoid of gamefish, may sud-

denly erupt with striped bass, bluefish, and weakfish venturing into the shallowest of water in relentless and reckless pursuit of these hapless baitfish. The mullet are there, they're vulnerable and the larger predators know it.

The precise set of circumstances necessary for these baitfish to abandon the comparative safety of the creeks, shallow mud flats, coves, and wetlands drainage systems of a bay, to embark on such a perilous journey are unknown. There is little doubt, but that cooler temperatures and coastal storms cause them to depart from the inlets. But these factors alone, do not seem to explain why mullet can sometimes be observed moving towards and wandering about the waters, just inside an inlet, several weeks prior to their moving out and along the beaches? Perhaps the angle of the sun's rays, a change in the make-up of the marine organisms upon which they feed, or some other subtle environmental change to which these baitfish are sensitive, provides that initial urge to begin congregating within these staging areas? Whatever the causes may be, those anglers hoping to cash in on the excellent surf fishing which this event often provides, are advised to keep a close eye on the south shore surf in September. Mullet also appear in the

Montauk surf, usually a few days after the start of the run on the south shore.

On a year to year basis, both in timing and seemingly in species abundance, the mullet run is erratic. It can begin in early September and unless the weather has remained consistently warm, will have done so prior to the end of the month. While it may be due in part to a falling memory, it seems that mullet runs of recent years do not last as long as they used to. Nevertheless, in general, the run, subject to daily fluctuation, will last for one to two weeks with the first two or three days usually providing the best action.

Occasionally, a dramatic but short lived drop in temperature or a very early coastal storm, will prematurely send a few mullet schools out along the beach, but a rapid return to warmer, or normal weather patterns will halt the migratory process. As the extent of a mullet run is not predictable and in some years is a disappointment, it's understandable that a false start can fool the angler into thinking the run is over, when in fact, it hasn't really started.

During September the angler should make a special effort to be on the beach during and after a northeast blow, or following one or two chilly nights dominated by brisk northwesterly winds. Normally those cold northwesterlies will arrive on the heels of a storm.

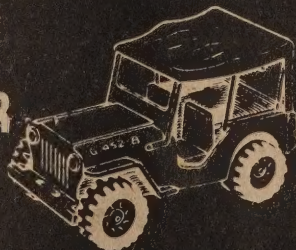
Not to be confused with the bunker or menhaden, mullet travel in compact schools hugging the shoreline and very near the surface; in fact a rippling effect, as they move along, almost always betrays their presence. While the schools proceed steadily along, they move at a relatively slow pace. However, mullet are capable of moving with lightning speed, and being jittery and easily frightened, silvery green flashes will be observed as individuals within the group or the entire school, dart about or leap from the water to escape a danger which may be real or imaginary. A passing shadow, a wave or bit of floating debris is often all that is necessary to panic these fish.

More often than not, few if any birds will be seen "working" over the schools of mullet. During this run it's advisable to keep a sharp eye peeled on the water, rather than depending upon the birds to show you where the action is. Of course if you do spot birds working, don't ignore them.

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SCALLOPS

STATEN ISLAND FLUKE

by Richard Giessuebel

One fish which is found to be very abundant in the waters around Staten Island is the fluke. This flat fish, which shouldn't be mistaken for a flounder, is very catchable and most accommodating all summer long throughout the entire island area. Many of the fishermen in the know catch all the fluke they can possibly eat, while others who usually fish the very same beaches often go home empty. It will be my purpose in this article to explain the difference between the fluke and the flounder which should help you both catch and identify these two different species. I will go into the best techniques to catch them, ways to rig, how to bait up, kinds of baits, and the best beaches on Staten Island from which to fish.

The easiest way to tell a fluke from a flounder is that the flounder has no teeth. The fluke, on the other hand, has a set of very sharp teeth which the angler must take care to avoid while handling this species. Just in that description alone, much has been expressed to you in the manner in which you should go about catching the two different kinds of fish. For one, the fluke catches his bait, and prefers baits which swim. While flounder prefer just the opposite and only go for baits which are allowed to rest upon the bottom. In either case, both of these species are equally sought around the island. Other differences are that the fluke spawns far out to sea while the flounder usually spawns in some inland waterway such as an inlet or bay. Finally, fluke are most commonly sought in the summer while prime interest in the other is during the winter. There is one way however, that you could be correctly confused and that is when our neighbors to the south refer to the fluke as summer flounder. Now, I hope you can tell the difference between the two species and keep it straight as to when you might fish for one or the other.

Let's look at the various techniques used to catch the fluke. As stated earlier, the fluke likes to go after moving baits. Therefore, all the ways in which you attempt to catch him, should employ this basic factor. The baits should all be streamlined and if they aren't whole fish of a sort, they should certainly give the appearance that they are. Then they should be hooked in such a manner that they move through the water as if they were still alive and on a gingerly swim along the beach. For you see, the fluke swims into an area which looks as if is a

good spot to catch a meal...then he settles down upon the bottom. If the bottom is sandy, he buries himself beneath the sand with just his two eyeballs protruding and if the bottom is full of pebbles or stones, the fluke then camouflages himself to appear as if he too, were part of the rocky bottom and again, he settles down upon it and waits for a meal to swim by. As the baitfish approaches and swims over the fluke, he explodes off the bottom and grasps the fish. Then with a second gulp, he gets back into position in order to wait for another candidate to swim by.

From the story above, it should be rather obvious that as you reel in your bait or lure, the fish will strike and that after that strike, you should give him a split second or two in which to swallow the bait. This is accomplished by, if you are reeling in from along the beach, simply stop reeling, lean forward, take up the slack, and then wing home the hook. While if you are on a boat, you have to take into consideration the drift which means you must stop reeling, then lean way forward in order to give the unsuspecting fish some slack line, then reel that slack (only if necessary) and set the hook as hard as need be.

The two techniques just discussed are extremely important in order that you might catch some fluke, and, even though what has been said goes against your natural impulses, with a little perseverance and control you will be able to master this deadly technique too. The technique can also be practiced. I've been working hard on my six year old son John. I stand him on top of my back porch with his fishing pole and then stretch out some line to me so that I might pretend that I'm the fish and then unsuspectingly, I pull at the line. Of course, John's first attempts had him pull at the first inkling of a strike. But, eventually his control got better and now, John hasn't any problem catching fluke off the beach. So, in order to become highly successful, you are going to have to be very wary of what has been said or else, you'll see an awful lot of fluke teeth marks, but very few fluke.

Keeping up with what we set out to accomplish let's discuss fluke rigs. I put this question to a good friend of mine and excellent fluke fisherman, Don Marantz of Middletown, and here is what he said, "fluke rigs are basic and simple. If the water is clear and the sun is high I usually fish for fluke without

any attached spinners. I use a three way swivel to which I attach the snap swivel at the end of my line. My weight goes on second, and a leader of between sixteen and twenty inches goes from my size two short shanked hook to the third loop on the swivel." I then asked Don why he didn't prefer to fish totally with a fluke spinner rig to which he replied, "I have nothing against the spinner rig, but on most occasions the use of the spinners add to the drag of the bait, and since I like to fish with as little weight as possible, I often reduce that drag by leaving the spinners off." Don added, "But, of course there are days that I fish with spinners and fish with as much weight as they require to keep them down in fluke country. Also, if I might add, I prefer to fish for fluke with large bait. The drag created by the larger baits and the spinners often get too great for some of the lighter tackle I possess. So, I recommend that you be aware of what and where you are going to fish and then take the correct tackle to handle the situation you figure you'll find."

Basically, that's all there is to it, but I'd like to add that there are certain kinds of hooks on the market which help to make fluke fishing much easier. My favorite hook is one which has a long shank and there at the eye of the hook is another smaller hook which is used to hook the head of the bait to be used while the tail of the bait is hooked by the longer and bigger hook at the end of the shank. Then, this hook is placed at the end of the rig which was perfectly described by Don above.

Also, there are many kinds of spinners on the market and you do not necessarily have to get the rigs which have the big spinner blades. Remember, the bigger the blade the more the drag, but not necessarily the larger the fish.

One last thing should be mentioned here while we are discussing rigs, and that is that while fishing for fluke, nothing stops you from placing a hook off your line somewhere around twenty-four inches above your three way swivel, so that this extra hook drifts off of your line some two feet where it may entice a passing weakfish to try for a free meal. I have often scored well with just such a rig while fishing somewhat heavier tackle off a party boat while attempting to catch fluke. I call it my bonus hook, and if it wins a pool for any species, then it'll be a bonus for you too.

Now, let's look at the baits which score

with Staten Island Fluke. Again I asked Don for his all time favorite fluke bait, and he returned his answer as sandeels. Well, only recently we were fishing at Bug Light Sandy Hook and we had a wide assortment of bait with us. Judging from the results of our catch, sandeels brought back a hit on every cast. We didn't even have to wait for action. No sooner would our eels hit the bottom when we were either pulling in a flattie or bringint back an empty hook. I soon remedied that situation by adding a small tail hook and from that point on, I missed very few, if any, fish. The other baits that we used were strips of squid, mackerel, and fluke belly. The sandeels, however, were the bait that did the trick. With the other bait, we did catch fish, but not as rapidly as we did with the eels. So I can see why Don is always at Frank's Boats, Atlantic Highlands, N.J. (that's near where he lives) early every spring buying up as many of these long baitfish as he can and then freezing them so that he might maintain a decent quantity throughout the entire season.

Other bait which I find to be highly successful are killies, smelts and snapper bluefish. The snapper bluefish are only used when they are found in large concentrations near where I will be fishing for the fluke. That is, in inlets, bays and in along the beach. As for my all time favorite bait, I'll go with the killies. They never seem to have a bad day, they stay alive for a long period of time and they are deadly when fluke don't seem to be interested in doing anything else except laying on the bottom. As like Don, I too prefer to fish only big baits, and I'll often fish small killies with large strips of squid to further enhance the offering.

I guess, when you come right down to it, just about a strip of anything will work upon the fluke population. Sea robin belly, sea bass belly, and of course even the dark upper side of the fluke all make excellent bait for catching fluke. Again, the key while fluke fishing is to keep the bait moving.

Now, how to prepare the bait and how to place it upon your rig for maximum effectiveness. All the strip baits will be described first. That means you'll have to start with squid. The first thing you do is to take the squid and cut it up the middle. Then lay it out flat on a board and cut long strips of it, so that the top of the strip is about an inch wide and then you cut it so that it tapers down to a nice sharp point at the other end. Then you fish with the squid strip alone or in combination with some other bait. Remember to hook the strip only once about a half an inch down from the one inch end. Eventually, you will catch a sea robin, a sea bass, or a fluke. What you should do with these fish is to cut out the entire white portion of their bellies. With

the fluke you simply cut out strips just like with the squid; but, with the others, which are not flat, you cut out their white under section and then you spread that out flat and make the strips the same as the others. In order to do all this cutting, you will need to find a nice flat board which is about eight by fifteen inches. Then at the top of this board, you drive a nail through from the back to the front, and cover it with a cork stopper. This nail will come in handy later when you attempt to clean all the fluke you have caught. But in any case, the board will suit you well and you'll always have a place to cut your bait.

How do you fish the various baits I've mentioned? Well, believe it or not, the manner in which you fish all these baits for fluke is fairly similar. All the fish that were mentioned earlier are hooked by placing the barb of the hook up under the bottom of the fishes jaw. Then the hook is driven up and out of the upper jaw, somewhere between the eyes. By doing this, the fish will come through the water as if he were still alive. You might feel that the sand eels are too long to be fished in this manner, but let me assure you, that this is how you do it. Then it's just a simple matter to drop the bait into the water or to cast off the beach out as far as you can and then begin to move it through the water. The fluke will do the rest. And all you'll have to do is as earlier said, stop reeling, lean forward, then taking up the slack immediately strike the hook home.

Now, where will you be able to catch fluke around Staten Island by using this technique? Let's start in the north and work our way south along the beach. My favorite jumping off spot is Fort Wadsworth, under the Verrazano Bridge. Just offshore one can drift an outgoing tide right on down past all of So. Beach. This is nice sandy bottom and is loaded with fluke. Surfcasters will also do well to fish the entire South Beach stretch.

Then you come to Midland Beach and New Dorp Beach. These two beaches hold an awful lot of fluke and by following the directions given in this article, you should have no problem at all scoring with them. Just remember, there are many snags off these beaches in the forms of tires which are half full of sand and which will quickly tangle up your rig, so you have to be careful. If you are catching fish along the beach, don't run too far off, just keep casting in the same areas, cause there is sure to be more fluke there.

Down from these beaches, you come to Great Kills Park. This is a big expanse of sandy beach and is loaded with fluke. One drift all morning off of Great Kills and you can load up on fluke, blues and even weakfish. In fact, here is where I really utilize my bonus rig. I fish a strip

of squid on it and am hardly ever let down by it not producing.

The other beaches to the south are better in my opinion for other species of fish rather than fluke. Although off the beach a couple of hundred yards and it's a whole new ball game, but still I simply prefer to fish the beaches I have already mentioned. However, just a short distance away by boat, you can fish for them at Bug Light, Sandy Hook, Roamer Shoals or near the Leonardo Amunition Pier. These are always early season hot spots.

Well that's it. Remember you can practice to catch fluke, that you should not try to hook the fish immediately after he bites, and that if you can overcome your natural instincts to do so, you will certainly catch a lot more fluke than you are presently doing. Good luck and good fishing.

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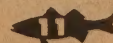
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Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

How To Become A Master Fisherman

I believe the greatest compliment one fisherman can pay another is to say to his buddy: "Hey Joe, here comes that guy I was telling you about. He always catches fish."

Are there really and truly fishermen like this? Yes, indeed; and I've seen my share of them. Fishermen who can enter upon the angling scene, plunk themselves down, bait up and immediately catch fish, much to the amazement of other anglers suffering through the agonies of a slow pick—or no pick at all. I've got a pet name for these miracle workers. I call them "master fishermen."

How do they attain this coveted title? How do they achieve the know-how, that particular know-how that unconsciously guides them into using the precise method needed to put fish in that bucket, trip after trip, year in and year out?

Well, I've been watching and studying these gentlemen for a good, long time now. I've questioned them, weighed their answers, and their mental attitudes, and finally I've come to the conclusion that what all these good fishermen have in common is a deep and abiding love for every aspect of their chosen sport, plus an extra large portion for their finny quarry. Yes, everyone of these experts are hopelessly enmeshed in the throes of a "red hot love affair" with the fishing game.

To some fishermen, this love for the sport comes naturally, to others it is acquired through desire and diligent effort—but it must be possessed before any angler becomes a well rounded fisherman. Without it, he is just an average angler, regulated to the school of mediocrity. And without much hope of his ever graduating into the limelight he desires so much.

If a natural talent is lacking, how does this fisherman go about becoming a master fisherman? There is one requisite desire. An all-consuming desire to join that select few. Not a wish, mind you, but a real, heart-felt desire to excel. Without question, that's all you need to become a master fisherman.

Sure, you like to fish—else you wouldn't be holding this magazine in your hands. But do you love to fish? Quite a difference in definition. Do you enjoy everything about the game? Everything? The good with the bad? Could you return home today with a poor catch and the proverbial wet fanny and



Master fishermen have little difficulty catching fish.

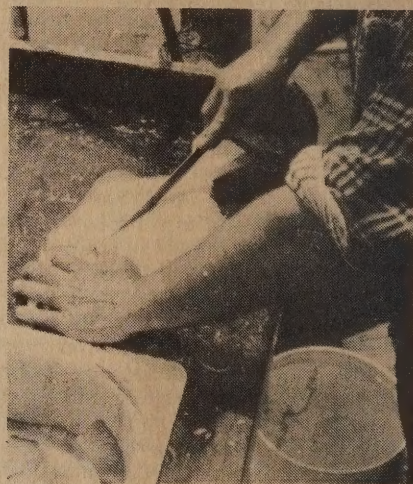


they know how to prepare bait.

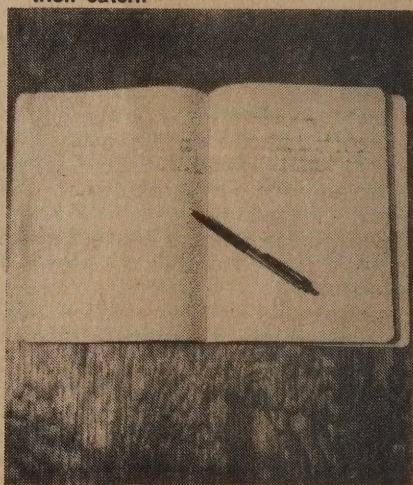
still be raring to go back tomorrow, knowing full well there is slight chance of bettering the results? Yes? You'll be a master fisherman, yet.

Do you read this magazine from cover to cover? Are you getting everything out of it that you should? Do you prefer the gentle art of sinker bouncing as opposed, let's say, to the pursuit of stripers with all the demanding knowledge and years of trial and error required to become successful? All well and good, and I'm all for you in your choice.

But hold on a minute! Did you pass up that feature striped article because it held little interest for you? Friend, take my advice. Read that article. All fishing articles, not just a choice few, form the



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base for a solid fishing foundation. Subconsciously you will be retaining information that will spur you to think. To apply. To experiment and modify. Every master fisherman knows this.

Even if he's certain that what he reads is "old hat," that he's read the same information dozens of times, it matters not. The master fisherman knows from past experience that his reward will come when a certain explanation or twist in an article will "ring a bell," somewhere in the deep recesses of his knowledge-hungry mind. The answer to a nagging question is at hand, and he profits by it.

Lesson number one: read and then read some more. Study, and then study

some more.

Use intelligent thought; learn to separate the wheat from the chaff. Learn by doing. Which is another way of saying experiment. This, too, is what all master fishermen are certain to do. They may not devote their talents to this end on every trip, but you may rest assured that at least one of the methods that earned them their coveted title has come through experimentation. So what if your experiment fails. Only you and the fish will know. But what if it works? Ah, yes, indeed.

Lesson number two: experiment whenever the opportunity presents itself. You can't go wrong.

How do you feel about the chore of fish cleaning? Do you enjoy it? You should. Do you know how to fillet? You should. Do you know how to snell hooks so that you can make rigs to your own experimenting specifications? You should. Do you keep a record of every fishing trip? An absolute must.

Do you know how to tie the Improved Clinch Knot? The perfection Loop? The End Loop? Do you know exactly what hooks to use for the fish you seek? Their difference, and what these differences are? Have you studied the history of hook making? What sinkers to use? Which to avoid? You should know all these, for these are the basics.

Every master fisherman I know has a running knowledge of these subjects. He has learned them the hard way, either through trial and error, or by burning the midnight oil; but oddly, he has enjoyed every step of the way.

Lesson number three: learn the basics—and quickly.

Before I conclude this article, I'd like to relate a little story which I hope will enhance what I'm trying to convey. Some years ago in Cherry Valley, New York, I watched a farmer kid fishing from the bank of a creek. He was having a fine time catching yellow perch, sunfish, rock bass, and other assorted panfish. Every time he landed a fish, he became ecstatic. He talked to it softly, he lovingly traced its lines with his fingers, commenting all the while on its coloration and any unusual features it might have.

I remarked that I believed he must really love his fishing. "Why shouldn't I love 'em," he said. "We've both been born and brought up in the same neighborhood. I love them with all my heart."

If you can gather the full impact of what that farmer kid meant, and act upon it, I'm sure someday someone is going to spot your arrival at some fishing place and say, "Hey Joe, here comes the guy I was telling you about. He always catches fish." For by then, my friend, you will have become a master fisherman.

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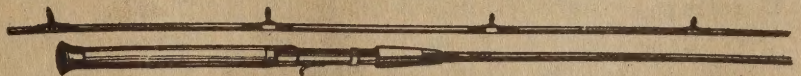
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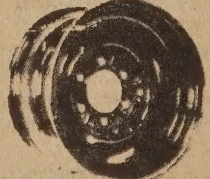
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Stripers, Blues & Weaks In The Inlets

by Milt Rosko



The author works his way to the high rocks with a husky striped on his gaff. Fish of this size are plentiful around the rocks of coastal inlets throughout the summer and fall.

Occasionally the fishing holds good right through Thanksgiving Day.

Ranging from New England south to the DelMarVa Peninsula literally dozens of inlets empty the waters of bays and rivers into the broad expanse of the Atlantic. Some of the breachways or passes, as they are often called, are so narrow and shallow that you can throw a stone across them, and even wade them at the bottom of the tide.

Many have protective rock jetties which parallel each other and extend seaward. Combined with a deep, often dredged channel, they provide safe passage for boats moving between the sheltered waters and open ocean.

While each of these inlets is totally different than any other, they have one thing in common, and that is the sterling

intelligence that stripers, blues and weaks know an abundance of natural forage is carried to sea on each ebbing tide, and they take up station at regular intervals to wait for the swift currents to carry a meal within range.

The surfman or jetty jockey who realizes and takes advantage of this situation often leaves the inlets with a good stringer of fish, perhaps at a time when many others fishing the same spot may have gone away fishless. For unlike surf and jetty sport, fishing the inlet requires different lures and techniques, and sturdier tackle than many anglers are accustomed to using.

Often as I pursue log books that go back many years I am constantly

reminded that many of the finest catches I have ever made were brought to gaff from waters of the inlets. While over these many years I have told countless thousands of people, both in person and through my writings, of the techniques and equipment I use, I am constantly surprised to find how few put this information to use. Indeed, there have been many occasions when I've talked in the midst of a group of anglers and caught fish as fast as I could cast a lure into the swift, swirling waters, while they had experienced no success. Often too, I have emptied my shoulder bag of the particular lure I was using, and much to my personal satisfaction watched the anglers suddenly start to score.

To help you enhance your score while fishing from the inlets I'd like to tell you about the tackle and lures I use, and in fact have used for over three decades, to land some of the toughest fighting inshore fighters we have in the north-east.

I shy away from the long-tipped, soft-tipped surf rods so many anglers have a tendency to use. Instead I employ a rod that measures 7½ to 8 feet in overall length, and which has a very stiff action. The rod can handle a two ounce rigged eel, three ounce bucktail jig or deep sinking plug with ease, yet I can still employ a half ounce jig or three quarter ounce surface swimming plug with little difficulty.

My reel selection varies, depending on the mood I'm in. Sometimes I use conventional, sometimes spinning. With conventional the reel holds 200 yards of 36 pound test braided nylon line. When spinning I load the reel with 200 yards of 17 or 20 pound test Golden Stren. I shy away from the huge reels used by so many anglers. My reels are loaded with approximately 600 feet of line, and frankly if a big striper were to clean me out he would deserve to get away. Thus far, I've come close, but it's never happened, because with the balance of rod, reel and line, and a firm drag, I can handle and bully a fish if it starts to get the best of me.

Because primarily stripers have big scales, sharp fins and sharp gill covers, I like to use a 30 pound test leader that measures about 24 to 30 inches in length. I find the leader often is wrapped around a fish, and it's also the thing that is frequently sliding across bottom and over mussel encrusted rocks. The heavier leader takes a lot of abuse and in the long run I believe it saves me a lot of fish that would otherwise be lost were I attaching my lure directly to the line.

There are a variety of ways in which you can attach leader to line, with the Albright knot being perhaps the best, with the Uni-knot a close second. Both knots can be a problem to tie on a wind and wave swept jetty at night, so I make up a batch of leaders in advance, and use a small black Kelux swivel at one end and a Duo-Loc stainless steel snap at the other end. In this way I can quickly attach a leader in a few seconds time. I tie about a foot to eighteen inches of double line at my terminal end, using a Spider knot, then use a Uni-knot to tie the double line to the barrel swivel, which gives me an extremely strong terminal connection. Believe me when I say I can really lean on a fish in a swift current and heavy sea without having to worry about a break.

So much for the rod, reel, line and terminal rigging. Because many of the inlet jetties I fish are slippery, especially when you get down low in the rocks on a



As the tide slackens and the water moves more slowly, a rigged eel can often be worked deep in the inlets and bring smashing strikes. Often as the tide slows the bass move in close to the rocks to search for food, and sometimes strike your eel just a rod's length from where your standing. Bob Rosko landed this brace of beauties while working a late tide on a summer evening.

falling tide, I always wear boots with a pair of golf soles cemented to the boot soles. This ensures my footing. I also wear a pair of bib type foul weather pants if there's a lot of wind or a heavy sea. Around my neck goes a miner's light to help me maneuver on the rocks. If it's a flat night I carry a short gaff; if it's rough the gaff has a seven foot handle to extend my reach.

Okay, let's talk about lures and techniques. For this type of fishing I carry all of my lures in an old, Army surplus shoulder bag, the smallest kind I can find. I don't carry a lot of lures, simply because they're heavy to carry, and in this type of fishing I don't have a need for them. My primary lures are bucktail jigs, and I carry a pouch that has at least a dozen jigs in it, ranging from 1 to 3 ounces. I carry a jar of pork rind,

usually white, 4 or 5 inch strips. If there are lots of blues and weaks around I carry the tail hook rind, as I find these sometimes strike short, whereas the bass usually takes hold quite well, as does the occasional fluke that wallops the jig.

I also carry two or three of the 85M series Mirrolure, with some in either green or blue mullet finish, plus a red and white model. These cast very nicely and work extremely deep, which I find to be necessary.

I may also tote along a couple of rigged eels, depending on the time of year and the specific inlet I'm fishing. Here too, I may carry a couple of surface swimming plugs if conditions and feeding patterns dictate, but this only when I've run into fish feeding on top. Most of the time they're feeding down

deep.

By now you've a feel of the equipment, clothing and lures I use, but before proceeding with how to use them, let's first talk a little about the type of water we're going to be fishing, and of how it differs from most jetties.

Picture an inlet anywhere from 50 to a couple of hundred feet in width. Envision water flowing from back bays and rivers and funneling through the inlet into the open ocean, sometimes gouging out a deep channel, and if not, the channel being dredged by man for the safe passage of boats. The water being funneled through this narrow opening causes an extremely swift, often turbulent current.

As the tide flows, especially on the ebbing, or falling tide, it carries great quantities of natural food with it. Soft crabs drift along at the mercy of the tide, and a variety of seaworms are carried along, as are tiny grass shrimp. Small forage species often struggle in the current and are carried by it, sometimes seeking sanctuary in the rips and eddies caused by the flowing tide. Most of this movement of food takes place down in the depths, right close to the bottom.

Although stripers, blues, weaks and fluke often move about the waters of the inlet searching for food, movement is usually confined to the period just before slack water. When the tide is rippling out at full speed the hungry gamefish take up station down on the bottom, finding a lie that keeps them out of the full force of the water, ahead of or behind a rock, or in a depression in the bottom of an eddy. Only when a tasty morsel is swept into their field of vision do they respond, swiftly swimming out to engulf it, and then retreating to their station to wait for another morsel.

The question now becomes, how do we get our lure down to where the fish are, so that it resembles a small forage species being swept along or struggling

in the tide?

The lure I've found best suited to accomplishing this is the bucktail jig. With a moderate tidal flow I may use a one ounce model, but for the most part I'm casting two or three ounce models, because even in the swiftest current they get down to the bottom quickly.

There are many fine bucktail jigs on the market, and among those I've had good results with are the Upperman, Smilin Bill, Millie's, Mai Tai, B & P's and quite a few other lesser known brands. I prefer a 7/0 O'Shaughnessy hook in the bucktail jig, and I haven't found color to matter too much. I generally use either solid white or solid yellow, although I have used other combinations. Don't be concerned about pretty paint jobs, as they're designed to catch the fisherman! After your first couple of casts the paint will most likely be chipped anyway.

I always use a piece of pork rind, either four or five inch long bass strip on all my bucktail jigs. If there are a lot of blues and weaks the tail hook rind goes on.

The key consideration in fishing an inlet is to thoroughly cover all of the water, presenting your bucktail jig down on the bottom, all of the bottom. Many anglers make the mistake of standing in one spot and casting the same distance, and their lure is following the same pattern over and over. If there are no fish within range, the angler just doesn't get a strike.

I begin well back in the inlet, usually where the jetty begins, for here the water is often running slower, as it enters into the funnel. I begin with several short casts, aimed up current at about a 45 degree angle. As soon as the jig hits the water I strip off several feet of line, permitting the jig to immediately settle to the bottom, with no drag on the line. As soon as I feel the jig touch bottom, I lift my rod tip slightly, and just permit the current to carry the jig bouncing along the bottom downcurrent, towards the ocean. You can readily feel it bounce, as the line pulls taut, and then slackens, pulls taught and slackens. Sometimes the strikes will come as the jig first begins bouncing along, but most often the stripper takes hold as the jig reaches the end of its swing and begins to lift off bottom. To a newcomer you'll feel like you've snagged bottom, because the bass just swims up, opens its mouth and sucks the jig in. When you lift back everybody realizes something's going on, and the fish takes off downcurrent while you hold on for dear life!

If you don't receive a strike at the conclusion of the swing, there are three approaches you can use: reel the jig very slowly along the bottom, reel it very fast, so it lifts off the bottom quickly, and use a whip retrieve, causing the jig to dart

ahead and then falter, much like a struggling baitfish.

Once you've completed your retrieve, cast out again at the same angle, only this time extend your cast. In this way you'll reach out 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150 or more feet into the swift running waters, and your bucktail jig will bounce over practically all of the bottom. If you don't receive any hits, just move out about 25 or 35 feet towards the ocean and repeat the same procedure. Once you receive a strike you will often have found where the fish are holding, and it's not unusual to stand in one spot, and by casting the same distance, pick fish after fish.

Once you land the fish you needn't always cast upstream. After getting the technique down pat in working a bucktail jig you can often cast right to where you feel the fish are holding, give the lure plenty of slack so it gets to the bottom, and then begin your retrieve. Sometimes the jig doesn't move two feet and you're fast to a fish!

Work your way out to the very tip of the jetty, and keep extending your cast, even 200 feet or more, for there are times when fish are holding well off the mouth of the inlet, feeding in the many rips and eddies that hold bait.

The 85M series Mirrolure is a hot plug in this fast water. When I'm not scoring with a bucktail jig I often put on the big Mirrolure and work it through the deep, swift water, varying my retrieve, working it deep and across the current, both slow and fast, and sometimes with a whip retrieve. Here too, when a fish takes it there appears to be a drag on the line, much as though you snagged bottom.

As the time slackens the fish sometime moves off the bottom and begin to fan out, probing along the rocks, looking for baitfish that sought sanctuary among the rocks. With the tide running slow it becomes much easier to work a rigged eel or swimming plug, either surface or subsurface, so often I'll switch over.

You'll note that I limit my selection of lures. I know these consistently produce, and I just keep working to a pattern that has brought me good catches over and over again. I pay little heed to what others do, because I know these techniques will produce.

The logs show Charlestown Breachway in Rhode Island, the jetties at Montauk, and along the south shore at Moriches. They include my regular haunts at Shark and Manasquan Inlets, and Barnegat Inlet too. Down at Indian River inlet in Delaware I've scored well, and at Ocean City, Maryland too. The inlets are there and so are the stripers, blues and weaks. Give these techniques a try this season, right through until Thanksgiving Day. You'll be pleasantly surprised at the results you achieve!

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SNAPPERS FOR BAIT

by Herb Buch

One of the most popular panfish in local waters is the baby bluefish, known popularly as the snapper. These fish grow rapidly from the spawn of the year and offer lots of fun to youngsters, oldsters and any one in between who wants action followed by a tasty meal. Bluefish can develop a very strong flavor, but snappers are mild and sweet, and the meat separates easily from the bones.

A new dimension has entered into snapper fishing in the last few years. Fisherman have discovered that other fish also find the snapper a tasty treat. They have been used extensively as bait for weakfish and fluke, but many other fish will succumb to their delectable flesh.

First you have to catch your own snappers. On Long Island just about anyone can tell you where to catch some, and what tackle or bait will do the trick. Stop in at a tackle shop and find out where they are biting, and purchase your bait and hooks at the same time. Many fishermen are not bothering with bait since at many locations you can catch just as many snappers by using a small silver spoon reeled in at a moderate rate of speed. We have had a lot of luck with Phoebe, Side Winder and Kastmaster spoons no larger than the one quarter ounce size. If the fish are hard to please, I have found that a very small spoon (one eighth of an ounce or less) always gets some action if the fish are around. Most of the time if you fish this way and do not get any, it means that the fish are not present, but do not give up. Either move to a different location or wait for the fish to return as they seem to patrol the shoreline looking for food.

If you expect to use the bait alive, you must have a live well in your boat, or use a pail with a battery operated aerator. Many fishermen avoid this problem by catching one snapper at a time and using it immediately. This works well unless the snappers move out at the same time as the weakfish start to hit. To sidestep this problem you can keep some fresh snapper in a cold box. If the fish will settle for fresh bait, you are in business. If they want live bait you may bite your finger nails.

Fortunately any one with a boat can usually rig up a live well, even if it is just an oversize killy car. Shore casters just have to pray that the fish will settle for fresh dead bait.

Snappers will soften rapidly in the sun, and they are not just as good as they were when they were fresh and firm. If you have a cold box with some ice or frozen cans in it, they will stay fresh for many hours. If you are not equipped in that way, wrap them in a wet rag and keep them out of the sun.

Now for the method of using them from beach or rocks. Take a 4/0 hook on a three foot leader and put the point of the hook up through both lips starting under the lower jaw. This bait weighs at least a couple of ounces so don't overdo the sinker unless your rod is a real powerhouse. Now you lob the whole rig out gently so that the snapper gets as little shock as possible from the force of the cast of when it hits the water. Loosen your drag and wait for a pick up. Let the fish bite or run until you think it has really taken the bait, then tighten the drag and set the hook. If weakfish are the game, now you loosen up the drag a bit and take it easy when you play him in.

Fished this way you have an excellent bait for weakfish and big fluke. Many bluefish are taken on the same rig, but they often bite off the tail of the bait and leave the rest, or if they take the whole bait, bite off the hook. If you know blues are around you could use a wire leader, but that seems to discourage a lot of weaks and fluke.

Live snappers can also be live lined from a boat or dock. Hook the snapper lightly through the neck, behind the dorsal fin. Do not use a sinker. Now cast him out gently, or if you are in a current, drop him overboard and let him swim where he wants to. If he begins to act peculiar prepare yourself for a bite. Unless the bait is very small, give the fish some time to get it into his mouth before you set the hook. Last fall I played a large weakfish halfway in and then lost him. When I examined the snapper, it had teeth marks on both sides that correspond to the teeth of a weakfish. My guess was that the fish never took the bait completely into its mouth, but would not release the bait either until it was thoroughly frightened by the pull of the rod as I was pulling it in.

If you drift in a boat over deep water, place a weight on your line at least three feet ahead of the hook. A swiveled type drail is very convenient. Hook the bait through the lips and drift through the rips or along the edge of bars.

Another way to use the snapper is to fish it under a big float when fish are near the surface as in the evening. You can hook the bait through the lips or just under the dorsal fin (top fin) in the center of the body, but not deep enough to hit the backbone. Let the point of the hook go right through the body so that the fish hangs from the bend of the hook. Now let him swim around while you watch the bobber. A snapper cannot take a big bobber under for long, but a weak or a fluke can do so easily. Once again, give them time to get the hook well down before hitting them.

Fresh dead snappers can be used whole as described or you can fillet them and cut the fillet into pieces small enough for the fish that you want to catch. Smaller fluke and weaks will go for a nice fresh side of snapper, so will kingfish, sea bass and big snappers. If you get bites on the bait but cannot hook anything, the fish may be small. Under those circumstances, try using strips instead of whole snappers.

If you have never fished with this bait try it this season. Fresh bait is always good for most fish. Live bait is usually the best that you can get. Do not be disappointed if you miss a lot of bites and loose a lot of baits. Just figure that if you were not using these baits you probably would not have even gotten a bite.



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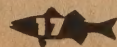
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PCB'S: Invisible Poisons

Part I

by Dr. William A. Muller

It is totally astounding that in the course of human progress and the proliferation of technology few items are tested for toxicity and safety before being distributed within the population of Homo Sapiens and spread into the environment.

Pcb's began being produced in quantity because they filled a need: many needs in fact! The following list is only a partial compilation of their uses in industry.

Included are plastics, coatings on textile products, paints and varnishes, sealants, pesticide extenders, caulking compounds, adhesives, printing inks, carbonless duplicating paper, insulation in fluorescent lighting, hydraulic fluid, condensers (electrical).

There are 209 different isomers of PCB's and although they all differ somewhat, they share one very important characteristic—they are all toxic and hazardous. PCB's persist in the environment. That is, they are not broken down into less toxic or non-toxic substances. They persist because enzymes are unable to shear the bonding between the chlorine atom and the biphenyl structure (Boyle, November 1975).

Many people unfortunately believe that PCB's are only found in the Hudson River and that the striped bass is the only animal affected. However, this is not so! The following table illustrates the wide distribution of PCB's in the food chain.

It is very significant that ocean plankton contains relatively high levels of PCB's (FDA minimum level is 5 ppm.) because planktonic organisms are at the base of the food chain, and PCB's bioaccumulate in aquatic environments.

That is, as progressively larger organisms eat smaller ones, the PCB level increases in the larger organisms. For example, PCB's in crustacea (shrimp crabs, copepods), are 20,000 times higher than the levels of the chemical in water in which they swim. The level of PCB's is then 10,000 to 50,000 times higher in certain marine fish. In one fish that was tested, fathead minnows, the level was 200,000 times higher than in the water in which the fish were living (Water-Quality Criteria, 1972.)

The sediment in rivers, bays and estuaries are not immune from contamination either. Bottom material tested at Hudson Falls has PCB levels that ranged from 0.1 to 18,000 parts per billion.

Why is it that this knowledge has only

come to light within the past few years in spite of the fact that PCB's were first used 45 years ago (Ahmed, Al, 1975)? The use of the chemical increased and by 1971, 40 x 10.6 pounds were produced annually in the United States (OECD Report, 1973.)!

The potential hazard of PCB's first came to light in 1966 when a Swedish scientist, S. Jensen, discovered PCB's in fish and wildlife. We now understand that this means that the toxic chemical will be present in the environment for thousands of years.

All is not bleak however. The case of DDT control should prove to all that we can reduce PCB levels in fish as well (see graphs.)

SST levels in the fish shown in the graph are approaching safe levels. At the present time PCB levels are increasing. Therefore, we can project that if PCB's were banned now, that the level of the chemical might approach "safe" levels in a decade or two.

# of Fish	Species	Body Weight	PPM
2	Tuna	280 Kg. +	6
3	Striped bass		5 - 12
1	Bluefish		1 - 3
	Eel		15
Remainder, including winter flounder and other species.			0.001 - 0.1
Accuracy of these results is + or - 20 - 50 %.			

AREA SURVEYED	ORGANISMS	*LEVEL (PPM)
East Coast Continental Shelf	Plankton	0.07 - 3.0
	Tuna (bluefin)	0.36 - 1.5
Great Lakes	Trout	10 - 25
	Coho salmon	max. 43.8
	Yellow perch	
	Minnows	17 - 78
Hudson River	Eels	up to 559
	Largemouth bass	~ 9 - 25
	Smallmouth bass	27 - 35
	Striped bass (Albany)	11 - 90
	Striped bass (Tappan Zee bridge)	1 - 7.5
Atlantic Flyway	Ducks (Environment, #12 1975)	**High PCB'S
	Herring Gull (Environment, Sept., 1975)	2,600

* Parts per million (Amount of PCB'S per million parts of water or other involved matter).

** Numbers not available at the time of writing.

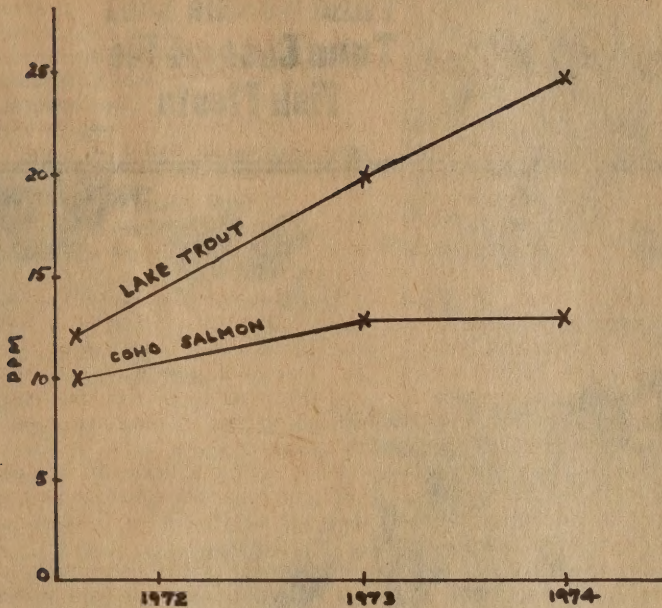
In spite of the fact that a total ban on PCB use would seem to be the wisest course of action and even if this dream might become reality, it is essential that we determine to what extent PCB's have contaminated commonly caught and ingested fish. This analysis is necessary in order to be able to make recommendations about the consumption of these species.

However, testing for PCB's is slow and expensive because there are limitations using the gas chromatographic technique. The responsibility for testing in New York State falls upon the shoulders of our Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC.)

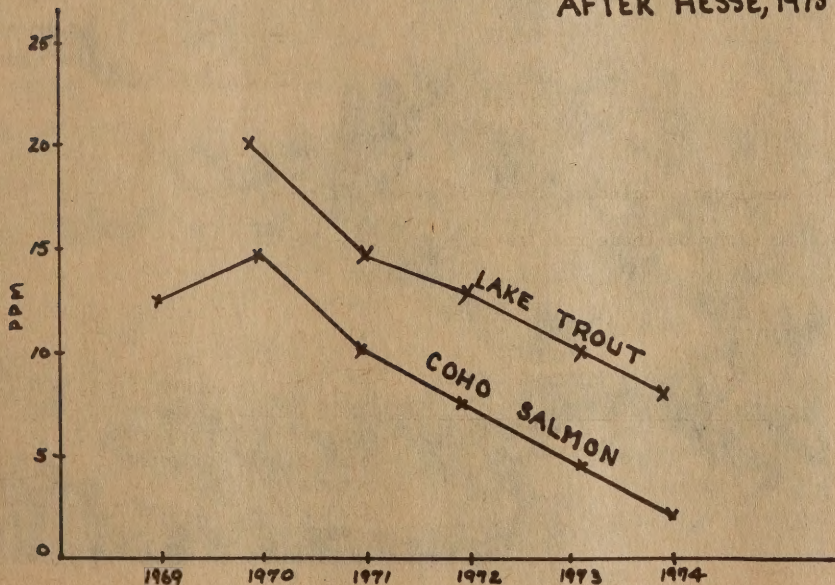
The difficulties involved in testing have limited analysis to 200 fish at the time information for this report was gathered (June 1976). Only 5 of these fish contained more than the 5 ppm limit of PCB's set by the FDA as safe.

I realize that much of the data, graph, and tables do not help you to reach a definite personal conclusion. Still, I think

TRENDS IN P.C.B.s IN LAKE MICHIGAN AFTER HESSE, 1975



TRENDS IN D.D.T. IN LAKE MICHIGAN AFTER HESSE, 1975



that we can bend toward several significant patterns of thought. First, we should not over react, either emotionally or economically, because the fruits of hasty action could be more dangerous than the problem that we started with. That does not mean that we should hesitate to ban PCB's, but it does mean we should allot judicious analysis and thought to the prospect of banning commercial fishing in the Hudson River (action already taken), banning the sale of striped bass, declaring all anadromous and oceanic fish unfit for human

consumption, or becoming convinced of the ultimate and total death of western civilization.

In science, our goal should always be to react after adequate information has been gained to justify the validity of the hypothesis. We do now know what effects (good or bad) will be dealt and our ecological balance and the population of marine fishes if we eliminate their harvest in favor of banning the poison.

Next week in Part II, Effects of PCB's on fish, substitutes for PCB's and danger to humans.

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Tuna Noodle Loaf Tuna Custard Pie Fish Fiesta

In the last issue of the Long Island Fisherman I gave you some recipes for preparing tuna—fresh tuna—or that which you use from a can. The yellowfin tuna or the meat from a blue fin tuna minus the dark meat is mighty good eating if you have tried it in a salad or had it broiled. Since then however, I have come across a couple of other recipes for this fighting denizen of the deep which appeal to me, and will probably get your own taste buds salivating.

The first is from the National Fisheries Service and of it they say that it is so creamy, subtly flavored and satisfying that is reminiscent of Grandma's cooking and at the same time is up to date and easily prepared. Milk and eggs form the custard base with sauteed celery and onions adding texture as well as flavor. Tender, cooked noodles extend the savory tuna, and paprika, pimienta, lemon juice and dill weed add their own flavor flair. After about an hour in the oven, you will find this tuna loaf ready to serve. Surround it with hot buttered vegetables and top off the meal with fresh fruits for dessert. Even Grandma would be proud of you.

TUNA NOODLE LOAF

2 cans (6½-7 oz. each) or 14 ounces fresh boiled tuna
1 cup chopped celery
½ cup chopped onion
⅓ cup oleo or butter
¼ cup flour
1-1½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon paprika
2 cups milk
3 beaten eggs
2 cups medium noodles, cooked and drained
2 tablespoons chopped pimienta
1 tablespoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon dill weed



Drain and flake the tuna. Cook celery and onion in oleo or cooking oil until the onion is tender, but not brown. Stir in the flour, salt and paprika.

Add milk; cook, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens. Stir in the eggs. Add noodles, tuna, pimienta, lemon juice and dill weed; mix well.

Pour into greased aluminum foil lined 9 by 5 by 3 inch loaf pan. Bake in moderate oven at 350 degrees F for 60 minutes or until firm. Let stand for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and remove foil. Slice and serve. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

TUNA CUSTARD PIE WITH CHEESE SAUCE

Talk about fishing! You, the chef of your household need not take rod in hand nor even line and hook to fish for the most welcome compliments when you serve your family and/or friends a wedge of this tasty pie. It goes down so easy and so easy to make—sauteed onion mixed with eggs and milk and then poured over the flaked tuna in a partially cooked pie shell. Bake until the filling has set, and serve with cheese sauce simplified by using canned Cheddar

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dash of pepper
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2 eggs, beaten
9 inch, unbaked pastry shell
Cheese Sauce (recipe follows)
Tomato slices (optional)

Drain and flake tuna. Cook onion in margarine or cooking oil until tender, but not brown. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Add milk; cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Pour mixture over eggs very slowly, beating constantly. Bake crust in moderate oven, 375 degrees F about 5 minutes. Remove crust from oven and spread tuna over crust; pour egg mixture over the tuna. Return pie to oven; bake about 25 to 30 minutes or until filling is set. Let stand about 10 minutes before cutting into wedges. Serve with Cheese Sauce. Garnish with tomato slices if you like. Makes one 9 inch pie, 4 to 6 servings.

CHEESE SAUCE

1 can (10-¾ ounce) condensed Cheddar Cheese Soup
½ cup undiluted, evaporated milk

Combine soup and milk in saucepan; heat, stirring until hot and smooth. Makes about 1¾ cups sauce

BAKED FISH FIESTA

In this issue of the LIF, you, fond reader of the culinary delights described in these columns, are getting a break! Three recipes are not unusual, but in addition there are two photographs of the finished products. The toy sailboat, the nautical woodcarving and the sea-gulls tell you that the recipe comes from Gloucester, Mass. This city has provided America for three and a half centuries with many kinds of sea foods. In this Baked Fish Fiesta you may use the fillets of the fish which you may be fortunate in having gathered from the deep all by yourself, or you can buy the fillets fresh or frozen, and almost any firm fleshed, non-oily fish will do handsomely.

Baked Fish Fiesta was contributed by a Gloucester wife of Italian heritage. It's different and yet it requires only simple ingredients. Fish fillets are dipped in oil and coated with tasty mixture of cheese, crumbs, minced garlic and parsley, then baked to perfection with tomatoes, crisp bacon slices, hard boiled eggs, and additional cheese. Only twenty minutes in the oven brings this entree to the peak



of flavor—ready to serve.

2 pounds firm fish fillets
¾ cup fine dry bread crumbs
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 small garlic clove, minced
¼ cup cooking oil
3 slices bacon, diced
1 can (8 ounces) stewed tomatoes, chopped
2 hard boiled eggs, sliced

Thaw frozen fish (if used) and cut into 6 equal portions. Combine the crumbs, 2 tablespoons cheese, parsley, salt, pepper and garlic. Dip fish in oil, drain and dip in crumb mixture. Place fillets in individual baking dishes or individually-sized foil trays; place on shallow baking pan or baking sheet. Fry bacon pieces until half done; drain well. Top fish in each casserole with an equal amount of bacon, tomato pieces, and egg slices.

Sprinkle with remaining 2 tablespoons cheese. Bake in moderate oven, 375 degrees F. 20 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Makes 6 servings.



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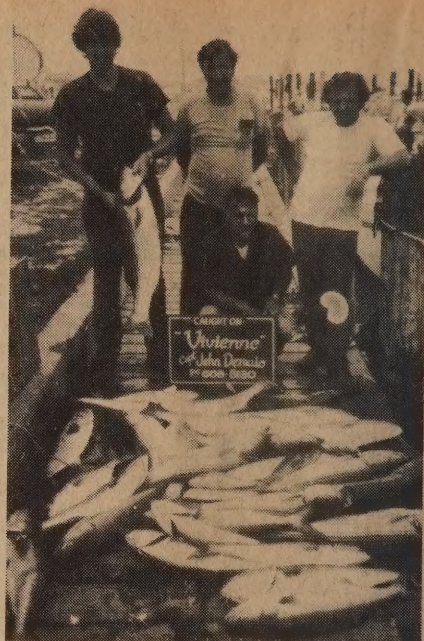
The good news out east is that the offshore fishing has picked back up to the point that it had been before the hurricane. On Friday, Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** went up in his twin engine Cessna to scout around for the elusive blue water. Henry found the desirable water as close in as 35 miles south of the Point and predicted that the offshore scene would break wide open on the weekend and was right. Brown sharks, blue sharks and makos were taken on Saturday and Sunday in good quantity south of the Point and at the Dumping Grounds. Both white marlin and swordfish were also sighted offshore, and the vast numbers of giant sunfish spotted inshore bids well for future offshore action. Bluefishing has been fantastic when you found them. The schools of monster blues have been running all over the place, showing up at various times at the Sub Buoy, Midway, Southwest Ledge, Cartwright and the Southeast Light off Block Island which has been the most consistent. Fluke fishing has picked up on the north side in all the rips, with many, many large doormats mixed in all the catches. As of yet, the fluke have not shown up on the south side in any quantity. Porgy fishing remains excellent in front of the light, and seabassing is fantastic on the high ground off the south side. Bass are few and far between. Captain Whitey Bateman of the **Four Queens II** had a charter out on Sunday of the Nudo Brothers and they had a ball, filling the cockpit with 93 bluefish up to 17 pounds and one

weakfish trolling off Block Island.

Captain Dick Vigilant of the charterboat **Triton II** took out a charter with the Imperial Sportsmen's Club from Mineola on Sunday and literally murdered the fluke in the rips on the south side. Over 300 fluke were taken weighing up to 12½ pounds with many eights and tens also mixed in with the catch. Sunday night's charter of eight people loaded up on over 60 monster bluefish 12 to 20 pounds fishing with the herring baits on Cartwright.

Captain Brad Glas of the **Helen II** (which is sailing at 7 A.M. Daily for monster bluefish) reported that he has been fishing the high ground between Submarine Buoy and the south side with excellent to passing results. Saturday evening a charter of 13 people took 45 monster bluefish and lost over a hundred and a trip on Sunday eve was also good. Brad said that the bluefish seem to be "time of tide oriented" hitting at the ends of the tide rather than the middle or beginning. The fish are all huge, 12 pounds and up and most in the mid-teens.

Ronnie D'Albora at the **Gone Fishing Marina** told us that he and Frank Braddick of the charterboat **Hurry Up** had Clark Gilles and Jude Drouin of the N.Y. Islanders hockey team out on Thursday. It was too windy for sharking, so they went to the Sub Buoy instead and murdered the blues. Both of the hockey players were bringing in the blues three and four at a time and quit with 65 after a couple of hours. Ron said that the blues



Ken Werle, Chester Werle, Sal Albano and Jim Capelli with their catch of fish taken aboard Capt. John DeMaio's charterboat "Vivienne". The fish were taken on the Capt. DeMaio's own diamond jigs and the largest fish was a 23 lb. bass.

were moving around a lot on the weekend, showing up at the Sub Buoy, Southwest Ledge, Cartwright and the Southeast Light of Block Island. The inshore fishing scene has been very good for porgies and seabass and the fluking has picked up all over with many large doormats being taken. A few have been taken sporadically.

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Guy Decatrel and friends harpooned this 300 lb. hammerhead and 3 brown sharks aboard the charter-boat "Montauk".

Captain Ron Onorato of the charter-boat **Hombre** reported that the fluke fishing has picked up in the No. Rips and Midway Rips and that a body of larger fish has shown up. Ron said that his charters have been loading up on catches of fluke and big blues.

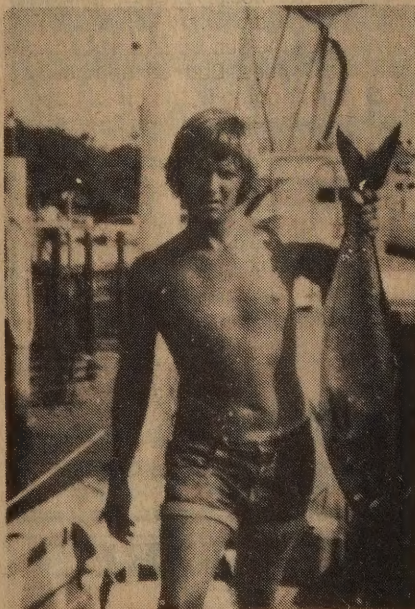
Captain Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** said that in the beginning of the week he did his porgy fishing around the Point with very good results but had to change back to Gardiner's Island for the weekend because of the large sea swells late in the week caused by hurricane Candace offshore. On Saturday, Mrs. Benny Garner of Brooklyn had 85 porgies and Phil Westbrook of Brooklyn was high-hook with 90 porgies. High-hook on Sunday was 92 porgies. In general the bottom fishing has been up.

"The offshore fishing on the weekend was fantastic, particularly Sunday," is the good news from **Cove Marina**. Blue sharks, browns, and makos were all taken in quantity at the Dumping Grounds. One of the marina's boats had a mako estimated to be in the 800 lb. class break off at the boat on 40 lb. test mon. The "Sea Fever" took a 16½ lb. doormat fluke fishing around the Great Eastern area, and there are many

doormats of 10 and 12 pounds mixed in in the catches. A few bass are being taken on the south side, but not many. Captain Fritz Hubner of the charterboat **Mistress Too** also reported that the offshore scene has really picked up. On Sunday, a small mako was taken along with several blue sharks.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the **Julie III** on Saturday and Sunday had two charters that caught over 750 lbs. of sea bass plus eight blues and one bonito and a dozen fluke.

Henry Colombi at the **Star Island Yacht Club** said that the offshore fishing picked up considerably on the weekend as expected. The "Meditation" fished in 42 fathoms of water on Sunday and reported that the ocean was alive with fish, and he saw many large fish breaching that he couldn't get close enough to identify. They did spot a few swordfish, however, and took a big blue shark of 300 lbs. among others. The "Gee Jay" baited a swordfish on Sunday with no luck and it sounded before an attempt could be made at sticking it 32 miles south of the Point. The "Honor Boy" had two knockdowns by white marlin that were spotted on the surface but neither was hooked. They also saw one swordfish. The "Getaway" took a dusky of 190 lbs. and the "Miss Behave" had three blue sharks. Captain Lou Cappelli of the "Cattivo" had 65 blues on herring bait at Cartwright. The "Bumble Bee" has been averaging 50 to 60 bluefish a trip fishing the Southeast Light off Block Island. The "Hi Lee"



Angler holds up the 19 lb. bluefish taken on the boat "Matima" trolling off the Southeast Light. Many other fish of 15 and 16 pounds were also bagged. Photo courtesy of the Star Island Yacht Club at Montauk.

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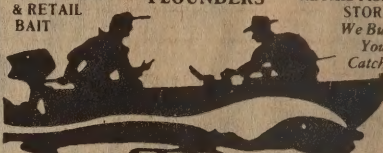
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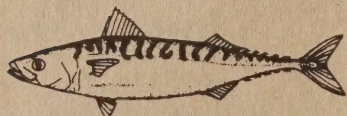
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Victor Alicea of the Bronx with his 54lb. pool winning cod taken aboard the Viking Star



Members of the Long Island Lacross Team (Left to Right) Stan Kowalski, Bob Demarco, Tom Postel and Tom Harpo with some of their catch of weaks and blues taken aboard the Barracuda at Montauk.

took 45 bluefish at Midway and was back to the dock by 11AM on Sunday. The "Friendship" has been taking 50 to 60 fluke a trip at Midway, with many doormats mixed in. Captain Bronson of the "Seaspray" and Lynn Bronson had a good day with the fluke, catching 35 including one of 11 lbs., one ten and two eight pounders.

Captain Frank Maccaro of the Free Spirit had an inshore charter out on Friday and he belted 45 blues on umbrellas and A 27 jigs at the Sub Buoy. On Saturday, birds working caused Frank to stop at Midway where they jigged six weakfish and 2 stripers on A-27 jigs. They then proceeded to the Sub Buoy where the blues were spotty, then went to the southeast light off Block Island where they loaded up on blues stacked 10 deep. The fish had moved in just one day from the Sub Buoy to the southeast light. So they are there but moving. Umbrellas and Ava jigs did it again that day.

Captain Garry Kieffer of the charterboat Barracuda dropped in the office to tell us that his party had a terrific day fishing inshore at the Sub Buoy and Southeast Light. Big weakfish were mixed in with the blues and it was not uncommon to find two weaks and two blues on the same umbrella rig. Big weakfish are also being taken on diamond jigs.

Captain Ed (Spider) Heggner of the charterboat Web informs us that on Wednesday, Jerry Kenny of the Daily News was out fishing on his boat St. Patrick, fishing alongside the Web. Fluking was excellent says Captain Eddie, and that he sent his charter home with a load of fluke fillets. The charter



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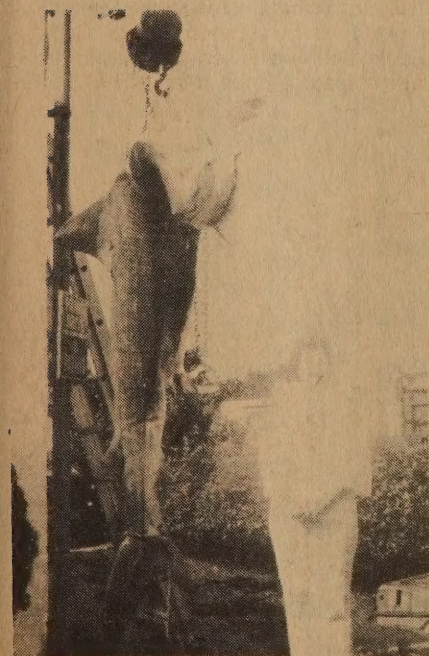


Pete Lichansky, Ralph Cassio and N. Nash with their catch on a recent charter to Coxes Ledge aboard the Peconic Queen III.



Jimmy Malenzi and Joan Desmond with their catch of Fluke aboard the Viking Starlite

consisted of Richmond Hill's Shelton Fishing Club. In charge was Larry Condon a NYC Policeman. The largest doormat was 10 pounds. On Tuesday Eddie went out looking for a big fluke again and Richard Cobb of New Jersey hung an 18 pound 2 ounce doormat at the Cerebus Shoal buoys where plenty of 3 to 5 pound fluke came over the rail. The 18 pound 2 ounce fluke was caught on squid and spearing and a piece of fish bait.



Frank Scarles, Jr. caught this 473 lb. tiger shark aboard the "Pipen II. The shark was taken in 240 ft. of water on squid and mackerel and took 40 min to boat.

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Numerous Official Weigh-In Stations have been established all over Long Island for the convenience of our readers. Each has an accurate scale that has met the requirements set down by The Fisherman, and can be identified by the plaque that is shown in the photo below that will be displayed in the premises. A complete listing of the present Official Weigh-In Stations also appears below, and will be periodically updated as new weigh-in stations meet the requirements.

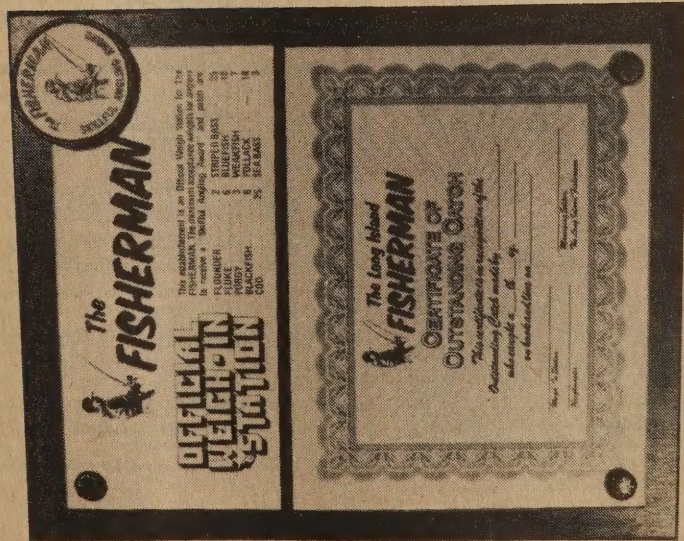
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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

PROMISED LAND

There is fantastic fluke and porgy fishing south of Cartwright according to the **Promised Land Fishing Station**. The fluke average a couple of pounds each and are being taken on spearing, squid or bass chub. There are plenty of porgies and they are 1 to 1½ lbs. being taken on the East side of Gardiners.

THREE MILE HARBOR

According to Bill Flynn at the **Three Mile Harbor Fishing Station** there are plenty of large 1 to 2½ lb. humpback porgies at Cedar Point. A few weeks have been taken in scattered catches and are expected in soon. Fluke fishing has made a good comeback after the storm. Snappers are plentiful.

SAG HARBOR

Noyac Marina reports fishing this weekend has picked up. On Sunday Alice

Knowles of Bellerose took a 7½ lb. weakfish along with other schoolies and porgies. These were taken using squid off Cedar Point. A Mr. Allen and party has steadily been taking weakfish since Friday. They have been fishing off the Monastery using squid. These past days several fluke have been taken at the Monastery on squid and spearing along with some nice king fish.

SHINNECOCK

Altenkirch Tackle reports off shore fishing is struggling to make a comeback. The bait is coming into the beaches from the deeper waters of 200 feet. A couple of small makos were taken offshore.

Captain Clark Bellows of the **Captain Clark Boats** called to say the porgy fishing has picked up to tremendous proportions. On Saturday only 29 fares had over 2000 porgies of mixed sizes, from sand porgies up to 1½ pounds. Doris Boldin and her 9 year old son George had 147 porgies between them. Best areas for this action has been on the wrecks and the races. Weakfishing was very good during the week off Nassau Point, but dropped off as usual on the weekend with the heavy boat traffic. On Friday 60 of the fish were boated.



Chris Stuen caught this 20 lb. fluke out of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station on a striper killie in the new cut.

HAMPTON BAYS

Corr's Fishing Station reports the fluke fishing in Shinnecock Bay remains excellent. Catches of 15 to 30 good sized fish have been had by most boats. Fishing in the East Channel can be done on either the rise or the fall of the tide. At the Coast Guard Station and West of the Ponoquogue Bridge the falling tide is best. Use shiners or a live killy with squid. Good catches of sea bass have been taken with the fluke in the East Channel. For those boats traveling into the Peconic Bay porgy fishing in the South Race is showing signs of life. Fish are small but plentiful. Bunker chum is advised.

Good fluke fishing is reported by **Skipper's Fishing Station**. They have been having 15 fluke per boat on each tide. There is heavy snapper action and some of them are getting pretty big.

MORICHES BAY

Moriches Bait & Tackle reports there are nice catches of keeper fluke to be had either in the bay or outside of the inlet. Large spearing is your best bait for these fish. Flounders are being taken in the deeper places at buoys 38 and 39. Both crabbing and snapper fishing are excellent. One group of anglers just before the weekend went seven miles south of the inlet and came home with a big load of bluefish from 7 to 10 lbs.

Ramonna at Silly Lilly Fishing Station reports nice catches of good sized fluke are being taken on the outgoing tide. She says everybody had fluke. big snapper

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blues of 1½ lbs. have been had at buoys 36 and the Coast Guard Station. Flounders are still being taken at buoys 38 and 39.

MASTIC BEACH

Stiriz's Fishing Station tells of lots of crabs between buoys 19 and 12 in traps and nets. Lots of good sized snappers up to a pound at the buoys 12 flats. Lots of porgies and eels taking squid on the bottom plus school weakfish on the small side at buoys 20 and 21 on Salty Dogs and some on squid on hi-low rigs. Fluke are scattered, but best results are with big smelts between buoys 19 and 23. Some blowfish at buoys 8 and 9 at the Hole and across from buoy 19 with squid, clam and worms on the bottom.

WEST SAYVILLE

Marty at **So. Bay Fishing Station** reports weaks and kings between buoys 24 and 25 on squid on a hi-lo rig on all moving tides. Fluke at buoy 5 on spearing and squid, outgoing best. Fluke are the two pound class. Kings are going to 1½ pounds and weaks to 4 pounds. On Saturday, Gene Bassovitch and Irv Schwartzman bagged 55 kings, 43 weaks at buoy 25 using squid on hi-lo rigs. Two of the kingfish went to 2½ pounds. All of their skiffs averaged 25 to 30 fish per boat along with incredible snapper and crab action.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports weaks to 4 pounds and kings to 2 pounds providing good action at buoys 29, 30 and 24 on squid and salty dogs. Fluke are spotty with best shots being at the Ocean Beach flats on smelts, sand eels and squid. One boat brought in 8 blowfish.

OAKDALE

Howie's Fishing Station tells us of the further exploits of angler Don Raynor, who during the week fished buoy 5 again with clam and squid for a good mixed catch of blows, kings, and porgies. Don reported that the fish are there in healthy numbers for the taking and if you came there with chum you could do a mop job.

OAKBEACH

Bill at **The Store** reports fluke at the mouth of Fire Island Inlet in big numbers on all tides, hitting squid, spearing and snappers. Nice sized snappers are in and in quantities, as are the blue claw crabs in the bay and in the back. Whitey and Jim, local sharpshooters had 5 weakfish up to 10 pounds while chumming for



Bob Corwin and Demetri Cosiloff caught this 115 lb. tiger shark aboard the charterboat "Tried 'n True" out of Babylon.

blues off Ocean Beach with bunker chum. Clamming has been good for weekend clammers on low tide in the back behind **The Store**. For those of you entering the Jones Beach Fishing Contest, Bill reminds you that **The Store** is a weigh-in Station.

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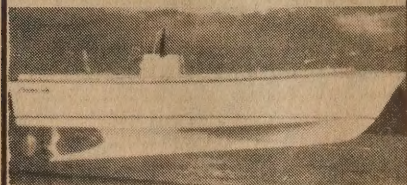
Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle reports fluke in Fire Island Inlet from the Inlet to the Coast Guard station on sand eels. And weakfish at buoys 29 and 30 on squid. All this is on any moving tide with am and pm best.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle reports fluking very good from the lighthouse to the bridge and from the bridge to the inlet on spearing and squid on the first of the flood. Paul Greco of Bayshore boated 30 weakfish, 15 kingfish and 25 blowfish at the lighted number 2 buoy in 12 feet of water using squid on a hi-lo rig. Carl's seven year old son took a 7½ pound weak on a live snapper in this area. Carl says you are virtually guaranteed weakfish using live snappers on a fish finder rig at lighted buoy 2. An important factor is to use bunker chum in a pot while doing this kind of fishing. Blues have been spotty though a few have fallen to umbrellas. It has been quiet offshore since the hurricane. Crabs and snappers are excellent in the bays and at the marina docks and these buggers are big.

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Joey Vitale of W. Babylon caught this 4 lb. fluke while fishing with his dad aboard the "Capt. Scotty" out of Captree. Joey also took the pool for the day. Subscriber Club Photo.

CAPTREE

Captain Neil of the *Lady Ann* reports fantastic fluke fishing drifting from buoy 13 in Fire Island Inlet to the bridge, then with the tide turning and drifting back out to the inlet. This 3 hour drift which is best on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb produced 223 keeper fluke and over 100 midgets on Sunday's charter. The entire area produced. They also fished the Kismet Reef and rang up 193 sea bass up to 4 pounds 2 ounces for the P and G Paprocky's Gulf Service Station of Middle Island. Neil says that the bluefishing has been slow except for Friday which was very good for the Captree Fleet with lots of small sized blues caught.

The *Captain Scotty* reports good fluking with the average of 10 to 12 keepers per man and on better days, 20 to 30. Bigger fish are showing up now as these are the survivors who have been feeding all summer.

The *Jib V and VI* reports the fluking is great on both morning and afternoon trips with 12 to 14 fluke per man as an average. On Thursday afternoon's trip under the guide of Captain Mike Schwartz a 17 lb. 2 oz. fluke was brought aboard the *Jib VI* by angler John Bazata of Bayshore. This fish was taken between buoys 16 and 8 and succeeded in breaking the landing net in the process. This bruiser was weighed in at the Captree Bait Station.

The *Captain Joseph Fleet* reported that the fishing scene has changed very little since last week. Fluke fishing is still

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Vinnie DiTrapani caught this 8 lb. fluke aboard the Capt. Rod out of Captree on a killie and squid combo. Subscriber Club Photo.

super-excellent around the inlet, and on Saturday the **Captain Joseph II** bagged the largest fluke ever to be brought to into the Captree Boat Basin. The giant doormat weighed just under 21 pounds and we'll try to get a picture in next week's issue of L.I.F. Bluefishing is still very sporadic, with a decent catch one day followed by a poor one the next. The day time fishing still holds a decided edge over the night trips, which is unusual for bluefishing. But it is expected that the recent mild weather last weekend and early in the week will settle things down so everyone can start bailing fish.

BABYLON

Augie's Bait and Tackle tells us of a 5 pound 13 ounce spanish mackerel taken near the outfall pipe by Steve Maggio of Farmingdale on the boat "J&B". Fluke are around to be caught but they have slowed down a bit. Your best shot is from the lighthouse to the inlet. Crabs and snappers are very good. An angler known as Chips reportedly took 170 pounds of porgies from somewhere in the bay where it is over 40 feet of water, all three pound class fish. If you know Chips, pry the location out of him and let us know.

Babylon Fishing Station says the highlight of the week was a 7 pound fluke taken off Fire Island Beach by an unnamed angler. In general, fluking was a little spotty this week, with the best areas being the lighthouse and Snake Hill Channel on killies and squid. Weakfish are being taken between 4 A.M. and 8 A.M. in the holes off the canals on Salty Dogs tipped with squid, along with a few kingfish.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Bait and Tackle reports that the fluke fishing is sporadic this past week, but that snappers and crabs are excellent from all the town docks and northshore bays in traps. Nets are the number on the flats and at the bridge. Some reports of kings, blows, and blacks on the inside Kismet Reef, but not in abundance. The offshore scene has been sparse. Fluking is best at Fire Island Inlet just inside and just outside on squid, killies shiners and snappers. Greg Lupico of Copiague took a 6 pound 13 ounce weakfish from the Copiague Town Dock on Sunday night on squid strip. This is not too unusual, except for the large size, since the weakfish are attracted by the abundance of snappers there.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports fluking very good in Fire Island Inlet and State Channel, East West Channel and West Island on sand eels and killies. Anglers Joe and John Vanella boated 20 fluke from 1 to 4 pounds in this area. Blues have been battling bunker chunks in the inlet and at West Island, says Angelo, and live killies are doing a better job on the choppers at West Island. Weakfish have been taken at West Island and Squaw Island on sandworms with the best being half way up the flood. Crabbing and snappers are excellent from the docks and on the flats in both nets and traps. 1 yellow fin tuna was taken by The Sandbar Mike in 165 feet of water during the week.

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MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle and Sports informs us that the John Burns Dock is producing excellent catches of excellent snappers on shiners and equally good catches of sand porgies on clam. On Thursday, Bill Witchey and Denise Delao of his shop fished off Harbor Green and took over 100 porgies, 15 sea bass, 6 flounder, a 5 pound fluke and 15 snappers along with a 14 pound bluefish in the 26 foot hole. This is bottom fishing with clam. Fluke have been taken in the holes off Squaw Island. Weakfish are being taken at night at the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Bridges on sandworms. Some blues have been trolled in 60 feet of water on dark tubes and jigged with A-27's on party boats. This coming Sunday, August 29th, Massapequa Tackle and Sports holding its first annual snapper derby for youngsters 14 years of age and younger. A rod and reel is first prize. Don't miss it, kids.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle reports the fluking fair to good in Haunts Creek, Goose Creek and Four Corners. Snapper fishing is excellent from all docks and in all bays and crabbing is excellent on the flats and from the docks. A few weakfish are being taken at the bridges and black banks on sand worms fished 3 feet off the bottom on a long leader. A good number of striped bass are in the bay as evidenced by 1 regular bagging 6 stripers up to 24 pounds Friday night on clam chum at the Measured Mile in the State Channel. Two days during the past week saw blues from 3 to 5 pounds being taken in quantities in 60 feet of water off the tower

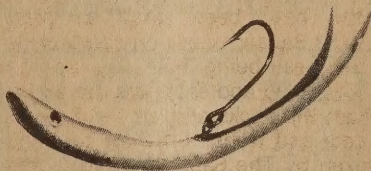
Fishing out of **Salice Boat Basin** LIF super girl Barbara Varvaro, husband Joe and brother-in-law Salvatore did a super job on the crab population, filling two bushel baskets with these delightful creatures. Barbara says that she will cook all the crabs except one, that one Barbara expects to send to obedience school to have it trained as an attack crab.

MERRICK

Nick's Fishing Station reports fluking holding up well in Ned's Creek, Haunts Creek, and Swift Creek on killies and squid. Several of the sharpshooters are doing their work exclusively in Haunts Creek, with best results during the week, as there is much less boat traffic then.

BALDWIN

Arthur St. Fishing Station reports fluking was very good over the weekend for those fishing Middle Bay and the buoy 19-14 area of Reynolds Channel with killies, squid and sand eels, on any moving water. A few weaks are around on squid on hi-lo rigs and plenty of crabs are all over the flats and docks, leaping upon killie rings. There are mucho snappers, so don't fall in the water.



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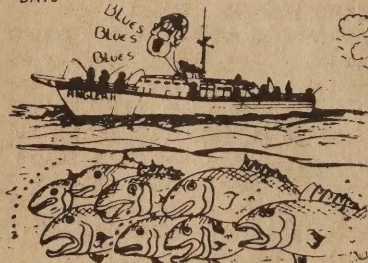
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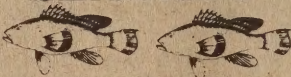
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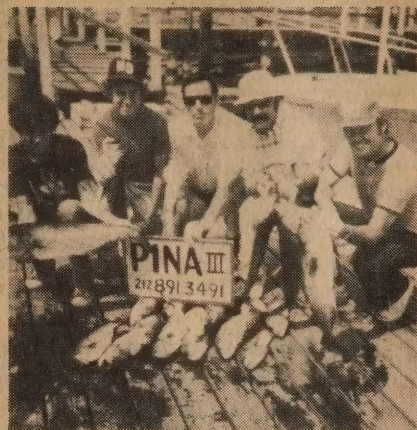
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According to Capt. Kissinger of the **Star Stream II** bluefishing has been erratic. On Friday they picked up over 400 small bluefish but before and after that it was hunt and pick.

Capt. Spider Schmidt said the **Aloma II** has been having pretty good fluke fishing just 15 minutes from Jones Inlet. Along with these fluke have been a few blues of $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds and an occasional weak to 6 pounds. Most of these fluke are of good size being $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 pounds.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports that fluke hound Tony Gullo on his boat "Tony The Tiger" recently zapped 72 keeper fluke fishing the State Channel east of the Wantagh Bridge using killies



Hugh Scott and party with an assorted catch of bass, blues and weaks caught while fishing aboard the **Pina III**. All the fish were taken on surgical tubes at the Tin Can grounds and Nortons Point.

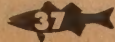
and sand eels. Lots of 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ lb. fluke being brought in. A 2 lb. 4 oz. flatie is the present leader in Anthony's monthly fluke contest. Lots of sand porgies in the bay. Snappers of good size are all over the joint. Six keeper fluke is an average catch for each boat and occasional catches to 18 per skiff come sailing in. Flounder are being taken at Swift Creek, as are sea bass.

Freeport Boatmen's Association reports blues poor to fair and fluke really great. Captain Eddie Carlson on the **Norseman II** on Saturday had roughly 350 bluefish from 2 to 4 pounds and 8 weaks from 6 to 8 pounds. On Sunday, all the boats in the Association loaded up on good sized fluke drifting 2 to 3 miles off the beach south of the tower. Tuna and shark have been nil. The **Flying Dutchman** had over 50 fat fluke on Sunday while the **Captain Hall**, the Association's open boat, did a leap job on the fluke, as did the **Blue Fin**. Along with these fluke came some nice night bluefish for Captain Sy. The fluking is a steady thing.

Bob at **Hook Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle** reports good fluking in the inlet, Scow Creek and Jones Inlet and also a few miles offshore, south of the JIB. Bluefishing is spotty. Try weakfishing under the Meadowbrook Bridge in the evening with sandworms or Salty Dogs. A second **Bay Gull** is servicing boaters needs once more in the Zach's Bay area, with food, drinks, beer, bait, etc. It's a green Chris Craft with a big sign Topside.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Marie III** has resorted to trolling for bluefish in order to get a fair catch. On Saturday and Sunday they trolled in 40 to 50 feet of water Southeast of Jones Inlet. When the blues slowed the **Marie**



III has switched over to fluke fishing. When the fluke are found the fishing is very good. An example is Mike Rafferety and party that took 125 fish of which Mike himself had 14.

Scotty's Fishing Station reports a few blues were taken eastward to Gilgo and westward to Atlantic Beach by trollers. They are using Tony Acetta spoons or surge tubes on top using mono. Fluke fishing is still active in Reynolds Channel and Jone's Inlet. There is a lot of fish at

the Pipeline and the larger ones are falling victims to snapper bait. black fish can still be had at either the Tea or Rota Wrecks or at the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Bridges. The old pier at the Short Beach Coast Guard Station also holds some blackfish. There have been a scattering of weakfish here and there between the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Bridges. Of course there are loads of snappers in the bays.

Miss Freeport reports there has been a

good body of fluke outside of Jones in since Tuesday. These are various size and some go to 6 lbs. with one pc winner of 9 lbs. They have been taken drifting with an Ava 27 but are all falling victim to regular baits. On the drifts either fluke or blues have been taken but the blues number between to 1 dozen and are ¾ to 1½lb.

LONG BEACH

Jimmy at **Long Beach Sport's Mart** reports the fluke fishing has improved since the storm. Although many of the fish are small the fishing is worth while. Snapper blues have been taken in both the surf and the bay by trollers using tubes. The bay is loaded with snapper

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Rod & Gun reports a lot of porgy action along with some lafayette. These porgies are hand sized and are taken at the North or South Channel bridges and most of the bay using worms and clams. There are a lot of snappers to be had. The North Channel Bridge has produced blues of 2 to 4 lbs. fishermen using cut bunker at night. Fluke fishing is mostly at the Mar Parkway Bridge and Riis Park. There is

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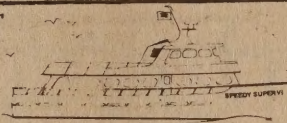
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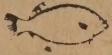
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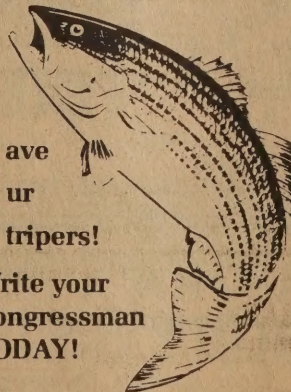
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Salvo's Bait & Tackle reports the boat fishermen fishing The Big Triangle has had a lot of striped bass by drifting worms. These range from shorts to schoolies up to 8 lbs. These are mixed with a good run of weak fish along the sea wall there is an abundance of bigger snappers, lafayettes and hand sized

porgies. "J.B." out of **Salvo's Bait & Tackle** took an 11½ lb. weakfish at Bay 8th St. This young angler caught this fish using a worm on the high outgoing tide. Fluke are pretty steady at both the wall and for the boat fishermen.

Larry Krim of the **Eagle** said the fluke fishing is very good. Most of the fish are of nice size and there are a lot of 3 and 4 lb. fluke. Larry says the fluke pool is now held by W. Morris with a 7 lb. 2 oz. fluke. The pool now is \$900.

The **Chief** reports the fluke picked up on Saturday afternoon on the incoming tide at Ambrose. There were plenty of nice sized fluke to be had. Sunday was the same as Saturday.

According to Kevin on the **Dorothy B** the fishing has been up and down all week long.

The **Helen H** reports bluefish activity picked up on Tuesday and has been steady till Sunday as of this report. The fishing at Barnegat has been excellent both night and day. At night the fishing

has been both bait and bananas by Bingle or Ava. Daytime it is mostly the bananas. These fish range from 6 to 12 lbs. with the larger pool fish going to 18.

Captain Tony of **Big Mohawk II** had ten adults plus 35 kids from the Fulton Lounge Fishing Club on their annual Children's Day charter during the week. Blackfish, sea bass and porgies were a good mixed bag. First place went to Debby Cummings, 2nd place to Gerard Lonergan and 3rd place to Joe Fitzgerald. Big ling are being taken on night bluefishing trips, and 87 blues were jigged for 36 men on Friday morning on a charter for R.W. Elwood Co. Tony says the fluking has been very good in various spots in the N.Y. Bight and they fill out many a bag.

Charterboat **Babe** called to say that fluking was on the up-swing this weekend. They fished Ambrose on Saturday and had a good day but on Sunday really scored with over 60 fluke, all keepers for Steve, Ellie, Allan, Marvin, Dan and Mike. Marvin took the pool with a 6 lb. fluke. The red side of Ambrose Channel was fished with sand eels and squid.

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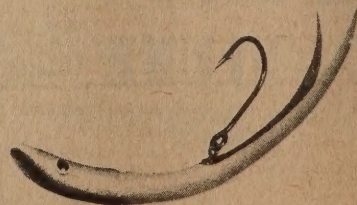
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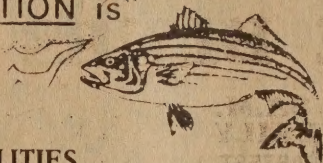
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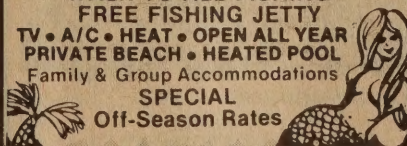
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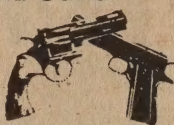


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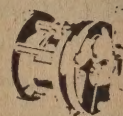
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SOUTHOLD

The **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** reports very good weekend porgy fishing. There are a lot of large sized porgies at buoy 12 and at both sides of South Ferry. At buoy 17 blues of 1 to 2 lbs. were jigged in the Rip using 3 oz. or better diamond jigs. At their Orient Point Station a lot of porgies that go to 1½ lbs. are being taken along with some small sea bass. A lot of small fluke and blackfish are also to be had at Orient. On Sunday one angler had a fluke that weighed in at 7½ lbs. There is a fair amount of blues to be had in the Race.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports there are plenty of porgies in the area. At Rose Grove some good catches of weaks have been made. Also there are some porgies and kings.

JAMESPORT

Frank at **Jamesport Bait & Tackle** said the blues came into the Sound on Sunday. They are being taken on the bottom using bunker and are between 11 and 15 pounds. Small porgies are in the bay while the Sound has both small and large fish. Weaks are still around but sometimes they are small and sometimes they are big.

PORT JEFFERSON

The **Betty W** reports porgy fishing remains good. Sometimes fishing is off but they are in solid. Some blacks and sea bass are mixed with these fish. The



Angelo Serrano and Frank Vigneri with their catch of blues aboard the Hel-Cat.



Taking a Busmans' Holiday, mate Phil Forelli of the charterboat "Shearwater" hoists the snout of a 265 lb. mako taken in 150 ft. of water out of Jones Inlet.

Betty W on Saturday took a 4 lb. pool fluke by Leslie Bunn. Until the bluefishing improves the **Betty W** will not sail at night for them until further notice.

Carafis Fishing Station reports the bluefish are being taken at Straford Shoals since Friday. These 8 to 14 lb. blues are being taken on umbrella rigs and/or red tubes. Porgy fishing has come alive at Oldfield Point. The smaller fish are along the shore from Flax Pond to Oldfield while the bigger ones are in the deeper water of 40 to 45 feet. Big blues have been taken in Port Jefferson Harbor at first light but this fishing only lasts until the first boat blasts through to go out of the harbor. Anglers should keep this in mind and look for these blues before blasting outside for other fishing. Of course John has gone out again to personally count the number of snappers that are in the harbor and according to his count they have increased from 1 million to 1 billion.

NORTHPORT

A 14 lb. 12 oz. blue fish was weighed in by **Bowman's Sporting Goods** on Sunday. This was taken by a local angler Donald Meyers. He took these along with several others in the 200 foot water of mid Sound. He used big red Sekora tubes and got them down to 70 feet. They can also be jigged with an Ava 27 and bunker but must be fished deep. Some sharks have also been spotted in this area and several anglers are trying their luck. Fair weak and fluke fishing has been had around Duck Island. Weaks go to 8 lbs. and fluke approach 4 lbs. Try using a hi-lo rig with worm or squid on the top and squid or smelts on the bottom. Big porgies of 1 to 2 lbs. are near 11B and Marshall Field. Sand City has sand porgies and snappers. Snappers are also at most of the docks.

HUNTINGTON

Ronnie's Bait & Tackle says that

fishing for the most part is off substantially from past years. Some blues have been wire lined off Eaton's Neck. A few small fish of 2 to 6 lbs. and larger ones of 10 to 14 are here and there. Fluke fishing is off at buoy 13 and some fluke are in Northport Bay off Duck Island. These fluke are 1½ to 2½ lbs. being taken on squid and spearing. Snappers are all over the harbor and are growing. **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** suggests that if you would like some exciting fishing you should use a ⅓ oz. side winder or similar size in Kastmaster using line no larger than 6 lbs. Of course you can also use spearing but the challenge is not as great.

Captain Pete of the open boat **Ever Ready** reports that the porgies are holding well but that the fluke fishing is only fair as the snappers are gobbling up the bait. Pool fish for the week with a hefty fluke in the 4 pound class was Armando Bolden. Night bluefishing starts on the **Ever Ready** this Wednesday. See the **Ever Ready** ad for details.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sport Shop reports blue fish in the 10 lb. class have been wired lined off Weeks Point. This is best done in the early morning using big red #82 Sekora tubes. An occasional weak fish has also been taken. At the "B" Race buoy smaller blues have fallen prey to the #62 red Sekoras. The fish taken at Morgan's breakwater have been full of snappers. Bigger snappers mixed with 8 to 9 inch tinker mackerel have been taken at Maxwell's. The rest of the inlying Glen Cove shore is full of snappers. Deep inside the harbor near the Power Plant several bluefish of 18 lbs. were taken this past week.

CITY ISLAND

The **North Star** on Friday night took a private charter to the "K Race Buoy" and had over 40 blues. These range from 11 to 15 pounds and were taken on cut bunker and mackerel.

Jack's Bait & Tackle reports big blues being taken over by the Hempstead Harbor Race Buoy. This action has been had on cut bait and jigs. Also at Execution Light blues have been trolled on top of the water using spoons. Porgies are small but they are all over and willingly take bait. There are also a lot of good eating size snappers to be had.

John Ortmann called to say that he took a 776 lb. tuna, 109 inches long, 80 inches girth on 130 lb. class outfit off Provincetown, Cape Cod on August 16th. Fighting time was 1 hour 20 minutes and the monster took a fresh dead whiting. John says this was the largest tuna taken so far on the eastern seaboard so far this year. The fish was taken on the Shady Lady.

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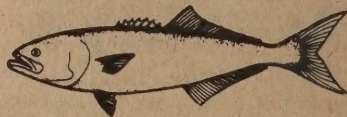
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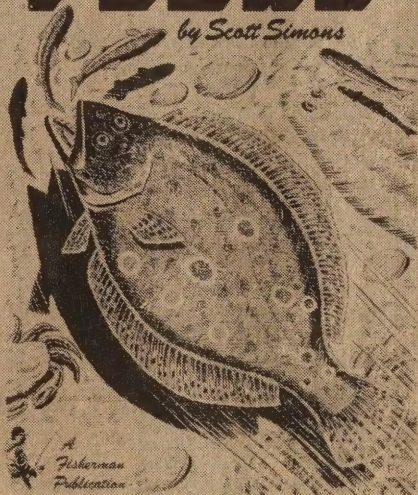
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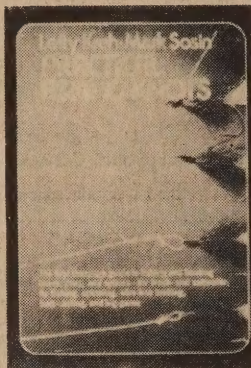


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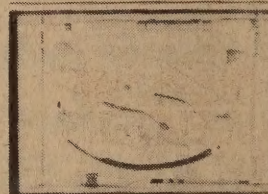
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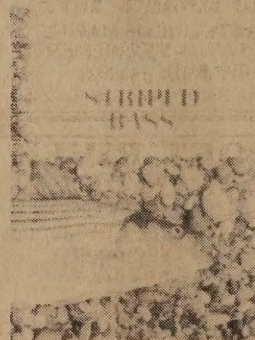


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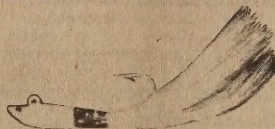
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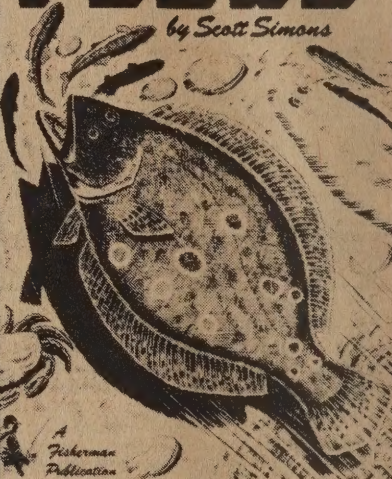


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DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETTS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEW-PORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR	9:06	9:21	9:45	10:07	9:39	9:55	10:30	10:53	—	12:23	12:09	12:32	8:59	9:20	8/26
FRI	9:52	10:07	10:33	10:52	10:27	10:45	11:17	11:40	12:43	1:07	12:53	1:18	9:46	10:07	8/27
SAT	10:41	10:59	11:20	11:41	11:19	11:39	—	12:07	1:31	1:55	1:40	2:05	10:35	10:56	8/28
SUN	11:34	11:53	—	12:13	—	12:12	12:33	12:59	2:20	2:43	2:29	2:56	11:25	11:49	8/29
MON	—	12:29	12:33	1:06	12:36	1:10	1:29	1:56	3:12	3:38	3:24	3:49	—	12:21	8/30
TUE	12:49	1:27	1:30	2:09	1:34	2:08	2:29	2:59	4:13	4:42	4:21	4:49	12:47	1:21	8/31
WED	1:51	2:28	2:33	3:16	2:35	3:08	3:35	4:04	5:32	6:08	5:24	5:51	1:50	2:25	9/1
THUR	2:56	3:32	3:45	4:26	3:39	4:11	4:44	5:13	7:12	7:38	6:32	6:59	2:55	3:29	9/2

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....-0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 1/2 hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	- 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	- 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	- 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	- 0 12
Seaside Park	- 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	- 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	- 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	- 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNSEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	- 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	- 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	- 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	- 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	- 0 38
Democrat Point	- 0 38
Coast Guard Station	- 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	- 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	- 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	- 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	- 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	- 0 08
Herod Point	- 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	- 0 20
Truman Beach	- 0 42
Falkner Island	- 0 13
Sachem Head	- 0 10
Branford Harbor	- 0 07
New Haven Harbor	- 0 08
Milford Harbor	- 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	- 0 03
Saugatuck River	- 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	- 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	- 0 14
Montauk Inlet	- 0 25
Montauk Point	- 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	- 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	- 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	- 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higginum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETTS PT.

Little Neck Bay	- 0 10
Execution Light	- 0 06
Manhasset Bay	- 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	- 0 11
City Island	- 0 03
Rye Beach	- 0 28
Port Chester	- 0 09
Mamaroneck	- 0 08
New Rochelle	- 0 24
Dauids Island	- 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	- 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	- 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	- 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	- 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	- 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	- 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	- 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8/8	6:00	8:10
8/13	6:06	8:03
8/18	6:10	7:57
8/23	6:16	7:48
8/28	6:21	7:40

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
 8/25	 8/2	 8/9	 8/18



The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
THURS.	5:35	—	6:05	12:25
FRI.	6:35	12:50	7:05	1:30
SAT.	7:45	1:55	8:05	2:20
SUN.	8:35	2:50	9:00	3:25
MON.	9:40	3:45	9:55	4:20
TUES.	10:35	4:50	11:00	5:25
WED.	11:40	5:55	—	6:20
THURS.	12:05	6:55	12:35	7:15

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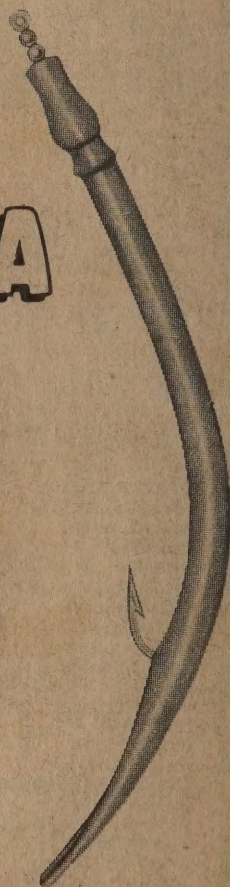


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